

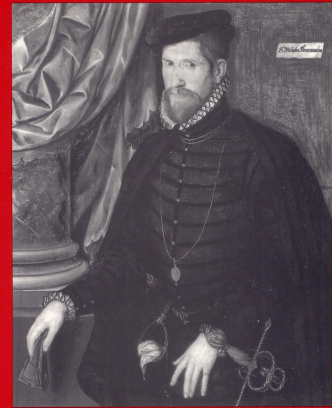
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When Roman-Catholic Mary Tudor ascended the English throne, Protestant Englishmen desperately tried to engineer her fall. In the wake of their unsuccessful rebellion, Sir Nicholas Throckmorton, a courtier, parliamentarian, and a member of the Warwickshire gentry, was tried for treason. According to the custom of the time, he was not permitted counsel. *The Trial of Nicholas Throckmorton* records his spirited and skillful resistance that led to his acquittal—an almost unheard-of occurrence in Tudor treason trials. The record of the trial became a canonical text in the legal history of England and particularly important to Whig and liberal history.

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