

The judge in question was Sir John Popham, chief justice of the King's Bench, a sound lawyer, but a severe man, who presided at the trials of Sir Walter Raleigh and Guy Fawkes, and who had much to do with the colonisation of Virginia.

acquired, as many believe, by honest purchase. It would appear, in fact, that Darell sold the reversion to the judge in 1586, and that the latter entered into possession when Darell died in 1589. The manner of his death is stated



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The story, it must be confessed, seems incredible, and the cold light of records has no warrant for it. These tell, indeed, quite another story; but it is not denied that Darell lived, and that Popham possessed his estate—let us hope

by tradition to have been consonant with his desperate and passionate life. He had always been a wild horseman, and at length, they say, dashing in a frenzied career across the park, his steed fell in the headlong course, and was