

John Michell
A breuiat cronicle, third edition
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A breuiat Cronicle, contaynyng all the Kynges, from Brute to this daye, and manye notable actes, gathered oute of diuers Cronycles, from Wyllyam Conquerour, vn-to the yeare of christ, a. M. v.C. Liii.

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A rebellion
in Kent.

Thys yeare, the .xxv. day of Ianuary, one Thomas Wyat, George harper, Henry Isley, & Leonard dygges with other, began a rebellion at Maydstone in Kent, & made a Proclamacion, pretending to defende the realme from Spaniards and other straungers. Intending to mayntayne theyr heresy, & too destroy our most gracious & catholyke quene Mary. And after came to Rochester, where came too them dyuers, aswel borne out of Kent as in Kent, as Robert Rudstone, Cutbert Vaughan, Water & Water mantels, Kneuet, Godfrey with diuers other. At which commocion & sturre, although there came to them dyuers out of diuers places of Kente, Yet Cantorbury contynued true and faythfull, in so much as through the

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goodnes of God, and the circumspect prouision, & diligent attendaunce of Ihon Twyne mayre, and hys brethren thaldermen, with the faithful assistaunce of other, the cytye was defended from foren rebelles, & not so much as one knowen of the said cytye, to haue fled to Wyat or too any of hys adherentes.

The .xxx. daye of the same moneth, the duke of Norfolke came to Stroude, and bent his artillery against Wyat in Rochester, but the

Londoners with theyr capitaines,
Bryan Fytzwillyams & Bret, who
came with the duke against Wyat
made a shoute and fled from the du=
ke to Wyat, and the duke hardely
scaped.

The next daye, Wyat wente to
Cooling, & toke the lord Cobham.

On Candelmas euen, he came
to Southwarke, thinkyng to be re
ceyued of the Londoners, but the

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doners
mistrusted

drawebrydge was plucked vp a=
gaynst hym. And lorde Wyllyam
Houward, ioined in commission with
the mayre, for the surer defence of
London, because of the Londoners
vntrustines.

The .vi. day February, Wyat
went to Kyngston on Tames, and
passed ouer the water, wher diuers
fled from hym, as the nyght before
when he went out of Southwarke.

On Aswednesday the .vii. of Fe
bruarye, he and hys complices were
ouerronne and taken about charing
Crosse & Fletestrete, but Wyat with
certayn with hym, had before knoc
ked at Ludgate, sayinge: he hadde
kept promyse.

And Kneuet with other, hadde
most traytorously shot at the Court
gate.

This rebellion in Kent, was ioy
ned and confedered with the commo=
cion moued and attempted in Deuon=
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shyre, by Gawen and Peter Carow,
Gybbes champernham and other,
which Peter fled into Fraunce, the
cause why wil shortly appeare, but
Gawen & Gybbes with other were
there taken. And was also confede
red with Henry Gray duke of Suf
folke, who was apprehended by the
worthy Earle of Huntynghon, and
was condempned of hygh treason
at Westmynster, the .xvii. day of Fe
bruarye, & suffred paynes of death
for the same at Towre hyl, the .xxiii
day of February.

Henry Isly comming to Wyat
was encountered by the lord of Abur
ganye, maysters Warham & Wil=
lyam sentelegers, with the helpe of
mayster Clarke of Wroteham, and
there discomfited, fled into Hamshyre
where he was taken in thapparell
of a maryner, hys face dysfigured
with cole and dyrt, and so brought
captiue to London.

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Wyllyam Albryght, parson of Kyngston besyde Barramdoune (a preacher of the Gospel) was taken besydes charynge Crosse, the sayde vii. daye of Februarye, in thys rebellyon.

The .xii. day of February was Gylford dudley beheaded on towre hyll, and on the same daye, the lady lane hys wyfe was beheaded in the Towre of London.

The .xiii. day of February, were hanged for rebellion Vycars, a yomen of the garde, Hough Bothe one of the quenes fotemen, greate Ihon Norton, & one Kynge, & in seuerall places about London, the numbere of .xx. whiche were all of the Londoners that fledde frome the duke of Norfolk.

And after that, Roberdt Rudstone, Wyllyam Cromer, Bret, Cutberdt Vawghan, Henry Vane, Thomas Culpeper of aylisford, Kneuet

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and Kneuet, Water & Water Mantels, lord Ihon Gray, & Leonarde dygges, were condemned in Westminster hall of hyghe treason for the same rebellyon.

And immediatly, after that were apprehended and broughte too the Towre of London, lord Thomas Gray, and syr Iames Grostes, confederated with the sayde Duke of Suffolke in the same rebellion.

And shortly after that the queene of her abondaunte and accustomed mercye, pardoned .ii.C. and more of the common people, whoo had ben mysled by the euyll disposed, aboue named.

And than, immedialy sommoned a Parlyament to be holden at Oxforde, the second daye of Apryll next folowyng.

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The queenes mercy
The commons misled.
The Parlyament at Oxford.

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<John Michell (d. 1556) was a printer who set up shop in Canterbury in the 1530s. (Usually he spelt his name 'Mychell'.) This is his account of Wyatt's rebellion, included in the third edition of his 'Breviat cronicle', the last edition that was printed and published by him. There were several subsequent editions, but they were produced by two London printers, John King and Thomas Marsh, who had presumably bought shares of the the copyright from Michell. With minor changes, this same stretch of text occurs in those editions too. – C.F. December 2011.>