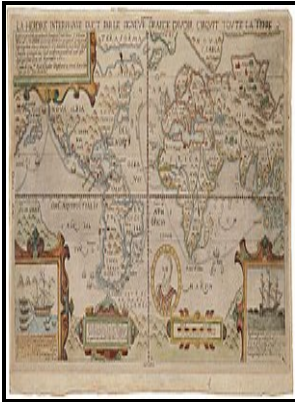


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## Sir Francis Walsingham

As the queen's principal secretary, Walsingham shared with Lord-treasurer Burghley most of the administrative responsibilities of government. The Spanish ambassador was expelled and diplomatic contacts with Spain severed.

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Walsingham's cousin fought in Ireland during the and was one of the English settlers granted land in confiscated from Desmond. The following year, Sidney was killed fighting the Spanish in the Netherlands and Walsingham was faced with paying off more of Sidney's extensive debts. In December 1570 Walsingham revisited Paris to take Norris's place.

## Biography: Sir Francis Walsingham

Walsingham's share of Elizabeth's displeasure was small because he was absent from court, at home ill, in the weeks just before and after the execution. By 1569, Walsingham was working with William Cecil to counteract plots against Elizabeth.

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He was soon led by her vague and shiftless communications to doubt whether she intended to marry or no. The queen's indecision had allowed the king of Scotland to fall under the influence of the catholic party among his councillors; but when Elizabeth realised the danger in which a breach with Scotland would involve her, she bade Walsingham go to Edinburgh and judge at close quarters the position of affairs. There is no doubt that a few hours after the queen had signed the warrant, on 1 Feb.

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Those who took part in such activities, as well as the people who harbored them, were viewed by those in power as rebels and traitors intent on overthrowing the Tudor dynasty and replacing the new official state religion of Protestantism with Catholicism. Nothing remains of any of his

houses. In early 1587 Walsingham received definite information from one of his agents based in Rome that Philip II of Spain was planning a seaborne landing in England.

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She died suddenly at Barn Elms on 18 June 1602, and was buried the next night privately near her husband in St.

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