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Vere was Northumberland's commander in the Low Countries; N. took offense at being ignored and challenged Vere to a duel; V. refused since he was on Her Majesty's service. Text includes descriptions of their actions.
This version resembles closely that printed in Somers' Collection of tracts (1809 ed.), v.1 pp 487-492, which was "taken from a MS out of the Cottonian Library cnet found in Cottonian cat. by alh, with Vere's account." The date, and Vere's defense, was "taken from that which Collins has given in his Peerage" from an original in the possession of the Duke of Northumberland. The first part of the Somers version is in modern spelling; the second part is in 17th-cent. spelling, but not the same as our MS. Changes in wording, sometimes material, hint that Somers and the MS do not have an immediate common ancestor.

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Inheritances or any other perticular doeth extend; and wherein and how
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not." Ends "...for our Custome is for the Maintenance of the Cittie
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Compare BM entry (v.49 col.1151) "A Briefe Declaration for what manner of
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for parishes... pp. 45. William Cooke: London, 1636. 4^o" The first
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enters this work as a general work on Torts.)

Probably composed before 1578, when Manwood was knighted.

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In Latin and English. Complaint by Fuller to the King that the
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NOTES:

item 8. In 1559 the Court of High Commission was set up to administer the power of
royal supremacy over the Church. It was a sister to the Court of Star
Chamber, having the same sort of broad and ill-defined powers; it became
powerful under the Stuarts and was abolished in 1641. See Holdsworth I 605-611
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