



Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex.

Religion : Protestant

Wealth: Most gained from being the only person allowed to import sweet wine.

Land: Had a great deal of land and different estates around England.

Info: Fought in a lot of wars for Elizabeth. He also advised her at court. He was on the Privy Council.



Prince William of Orange.

Religion: Protestant

Wealth: The Son of the Queen of Holland. He had a large family fortune, and would be an ally against Spain.

Land: He owned a lot of what is called Holland today.

Info: He was fighting a war with Spain who controlled his country at the time. He wanted Holland to become a Protestant country.



Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester

Religion: Protestant

Wealth: Made Earl of Leicester by Elizabeth. He was one of the Queens favourites. He made most of his money trade and through activities of the Elizabethan Court.

Land: Elizabeth gave Dudley a great deal of land and country estates around Britain.

Info: Dudley had known Elizabeth since childhood. He was her Master of Horse. Dudley's young wife Amy Robsart met her death in suspicious circumstances. He was on the Privy Council.



Francis, Duke of Alencon

Religion: Catholic

Wealth: He was the brother of the French King. His family were wealthy. He could create a powerful alliance with France against Spain.

Land: His family were wealthy and he had a title and many estates in France.

Info: French was a Catholic country but did not hate Protestant England as much as the Spanish. Some people In England would be very angry if Elizabeth married a Catholic. An information leaflet against the marriage was published in England.



Philip II of Spain.

Religion: Catholic

Wealth: Spain was a very rich country. It owned a lot of foreign countries and brought back goods (including Gold) from South America.

Land: Philip was the King of Spain he controlled Spain and some other areas around the world.

Info: Spain had a large army. The Pope was keen for Spain to fall out with Protestant Countries. Philip had ruled in England when he was married to Mary 1st. Some people in England would not like Elizabeth to marry a Catholic.