The Defeat of the Pilgrimage of Grace: A Study of the Postpardon Revolts of December 1536 to March 1537 and their Effect

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In 1996 Michael Bush published, in The Pilgrimage of Grace, the most thoroughgoing analysis yet attempted of the rebel hosts of October-December 1536. Now, in The Defeat of the Pilgrimage of Grace: A Study of the Postpardon Revolts of December 1536 to March 1537 and their Effect (Hull: U.P., 1999; pp. xv+476. N.p.), he and David Bownes have traced the fate of the movement in the months following the Doncaster agreement. The book has all the virtues of its predecessor. It reconstructs the course of events painstakingly from complex evidence. It separates out the troubles in different parts of the North to show both their variety and their mutual interconnections. It takes seriously both the capacity of yeoman and townsmen to organize political action without...

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