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**Sir John Denham** (1615-1668)

(English poet, b. Dublin, only son of Sir John Denham, of Essex, Chief Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, and of Eleanor, daughter of Sir Garret More, Baron of Mellefont, raised in London, st. Oxford, and Lincoln's Inn; gambling addict, sheriff of Surrey, resigned, l. Oxford; Royalist, messenger between the Queen and King 1647, conveyed James Duke of York to France, exile there until 1652, lost property, l. with Earl of Pembroke, rewarded at the Restoration, surveyor of the King's buildings, Order of the Bath, 2nd marriage to young Miss Brooke; wife became mistress of the Duke of York; said to have been poisoned by Denham; he was mentally disordered for some time)

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