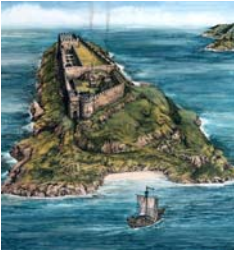


CASTLE CORNET in TUDOR TIMES.



The first Castle Cornet was built in about 1270, but by Tudor times it was not strong enough to defend Guernsey against attack.



1550

John Rogers, a master mason, was paid £40 for new building work. This was a lot of money in those days!

1558

The Governor, Sir Leonard Chamberlain, wrote:
'the hole Castell of Guernsey having a very stronge and commodys scyte, ys for the more parte ruynous and weake.'

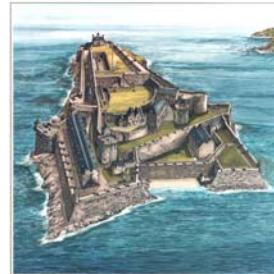
1570

Sir Thomas Leighton arrived in Guernsey and he said that although the castle was surrounded by water it could be attacked from the town: ... *the ancient building is but stone and clay without mortar, and at every low tide, men may come a hundred abreast dry shod, from the town to the castle.'*



Elizabeth 1st ordered Sir Thomas Leighton to strengthen the Castle against cannon fire.

The Castle was made much larger with angled bastions and sloping walls built around the outside of first castle.



In **1574**, £300 was spent on the outer defences of the castle including the Great Gate.

The arms of Elizabeth 1 as they may have been over the main gate

By **1600** the Castle had a tower or Keep, strong outer walls and better buildings for the garrison of soldiers and the Governor to live in.

