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1474-1559

English mathematician. The Bishop of London, and later of Durham, Tunstall was a key Catholic figure in the troubled years of the English Reformation. An outstanding classical scholar, he studied theology and law at Oxford, Cambridge, and Padua. Tunstall wrote *De arte supputandi libri quattuor* (1522), one of the first printed works published in England devoted exclusively to mathematics. It contained no original material, but was a very practical arithmetic text. He also composed many religious works.