

was called to action, but for the peculiar condition of a King of England after the revolution. His reign is no doubt, one of the most important of our constitutional history, both on account of its general character and of those beneficial alterations in our laws to which it gave rise." We have traced, though only in outline, the complicated state of matters, both before and during the period—all too short—of his residence among us, and have noticed the principles which carried him forward in his glorious career—love for the Reformed religion, and a strong determination to curb the dangerous power of France. We have witnessed his resolution that, come what might, he would fight to the last, even at a time when all seemed hopeless, and doomed to defeat and disappointment. Following him from his cradle to his grave, we have watched his conduct under many strange circumstances, in the midst of which he exhibited the same magnanimity of soul. We have dared to look into his great heart; and have reverently observed its tender and affectionate impulses. We have witnessed the almost unconquerable difficulties which surrounded his home and foreign policy. We have been with him on the field of battle and have seen his almost terrible indifference to danger. We have watched him at home struggling to keep the State from again crumbling into ruins, and labouring with ceaseless energy to build up the Constitution and fence it about with legal sanctions. Surrounded by intriguing men and women, bequeathed