

singular fact that he is one of the few prominent public men against whom not even an enemy's voice ever cast an imputation. He was born on the 28th of April, 1807. He is the son of the late Joseph Daunt, Esq., of Kiltascan, county Cork, by his first wife, Jane, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Wilson, Senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Rector of Ardstraw, in the county Tyrone; a gentleman whose political principles were eminently national and patriotic. The branches of the Daunt family in Cork county descend from a

display a passionate devotion to the cause of our legislative independence. He joined the Repeal Association founded by O'Connell in 1840, and became one of its most active members. He essentially promoted the cause of Disestablishment by his efforts to unite the Irish Catholics and the English Voluntaries in combined action for its achievement. The Home Government Association was, not long in being when Mr. Daunt joined it; and the public are too well acquainted with his noble and important share of the present agitation



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very old Gloucestershire family, of which some members settled in the south of Ireland in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. It was his sad fate, in his very boyhood, to lose his father, to whom he was devotedly attached, by a tragic event which considerably influenced his character, feelings and fortunes; his father having been shot dead in a duel in which young Daunt long firmly believed his parent had not got fair play. Mr. Daunt at an early age took the deepest interest in the question of the Repeal of the Union; and all his public utterances

to render necessary any special reference there to. He has written "The Wife Hunter," or "Memoirs of M.P.'s;" "Hugh Talbot;" "Saints and Sinners;" and "The Gentleman in Debt;" novels illustrative of various phases of Irish life. He has also written "Ireland and Her Agitators," which is to a great extent an anecdotal chronicle of the Repeal Agitation; and "A Catechism of the History of Ireland," of which 35,000 copies have been printed.

Mr. Daunt is a Catholic; and, while deeply attached to his church, he regards with intense