

CHARLES WILLS.

Appointed 5th January, 1716.

THIS officer served several campaigns in Flanders under King William III. ; and on the breaking out of the war in the first year of the reign of Queen Anne he was promoted to the rank of colonel. In 1705 he obtained the command of a regiment of marines, (now thirtieth foot,) with which he served in Spain under the Earl of Galway, and held the appointment of quarter-master-general in that country. In 1707 he distinguished himself in the defence of Lerida. He continued to serve in Spain,—was promoted to the rank of major-general on the 1st of January, 1709,—was at the battles of Almanara, and Saragossa, in 1710, and advanced with the army to Madrid ; and in the winter, when retiring towards Catalonia, he was with the division which was surrounded by the enemy in the village of Brihuega, and made prisoners. After the peace of Utrecht his regiment (thirtieth) was disbanded ; but it was restored by King George I., on the 25th of May, 1715.

When the rebellion broke out in Scotland in the autumn of 1715, Major-General Wills commanded the troops in Cheshire, and when the rebels advanced into Lancashire, he assembled several regiments, and attacked the insurgents at Preston ; the conflict lasted two days, but on the arrival of reinforcements under Lord Carpenter, the rebels surrendered. He was promoted immediately afterwards to the rank of lieutenant-general ; and in January, 1716, the colonelcy of the THIRD foot was conferred on this meritorious officer. He was promoted to the command of the first foot guards in 1726,—advanced to the rank of general in 1739,—and afterwards constituted by King George II. a knight of the honorable military order of the Bath. He died on the 25th of December, 1741.

THOMAS EARL OF LONDONDERRY.

Appointed 26th August, 1726.

THOMAS PITT served several campaigns in the wars of Queen Anne ; and soon after the accession of King George I. he obtained the colonelcy of the third horse, now second dragoon guards. In 1719 he was created a peer of Ireland by the title of Baron of Londonderry. In August, 1726, he was removed from