

his army from Exeter to Auxminster, on the 21st of November, 1688, is the origin of the "GENERAL DECLARATION," which, to this day, precedes the "OBLIGATION;" the "CONSTITUTION AND LAWS;" the "OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS," and the "FORMS AND RITUALS," in all the Books of the "ORANGE INSTITUTION." The sole difference in the "DECLARATION" now used, from that originally drawn by Dr. Burnet, Bishop of Salisbury, in the Cathedral Church at Exeter, and approved by the Prince, has reference only to the altered circumstances of the times. The following is a copy of the Bishop's manuscript, approved by the Prince of Orange (with whom, at the time, was the Earl of Shrewsbury, Sir Edward Seymour, and Mr. Sidney,) as handed down in the archives of some of the early fathers of Orangeism.

"We do hereby associate ourselves, to the utmost of our power, of support and defend our Great Deliverer, his Highness the Prince of Orange, in his present enterprise for the delivery of the English Church and Nation from Popery and Arbitrary Power; and for the maintenance of the Protestant Religion, and the establishment of a Free Parliament: for the protection of His Highness' person, and the settlement of Law and Order on a lasting foundation in these Kingdoms. We further declare, that we are exclusively a Protestant Association; yet, detesting as we do, any intolerant spirit, we solemnly pledge ourselves to each other, that we will not persecute any person, on account of his Religious opinions, provided the same be not hostile to the State; but that we will,

on the contrary, be aiding and assisting to every Loyal subject, of every Religious description, in protecting him from violence and oppression." This "DECLARATION" (written in cipher by Bishop Burnet.) was signed by upwards of six hundred of the Nobility and Gentry of England, and other adherents of the Prince of Orange, at Exeter and Axminster, on the 21st of November, and five following days. Amongst the names originally attached, were those of the following distinguished characters:—

The Earl of Shrewsbury,
The Earl of Devonshire,
The Earl of Danby,
Lord Lumley,
Henry Compton, Bishop of London,
Edward Russell,
Henry Sidney,
Sir Edward Seymour,
Gilbert Burnet, D.D.,
The Earl of Macclesfield,
Admiral Herbert,
The Earl of Abingdon,
Frederic, Count Schomberg,
Thomas Wharton, M.P., Buckingham,
Archibald Campbell, Duke of Argyle.
Charles Paulet, Marquis of Winchester,
Mr. Ogle,
Peregrine Osborhe, Lord Dumblane,
Mr. Burington, of Crediton,
The Earl of Manchester,
The Earl of Stamford,
The Earl of Rutland,
The Earl of Chesterfield,
General Bentinck,
General Solmes,
General Rede de Ginkell,
Lord Mordaunt,
Fletcher of Saltoun,
Sir Patrick Hume, Bart,
Mr. Wildman,
General Talmash,
Mr. Courtney, of Ford,
Richard Savage, Lord Colchester,
(*To be continued.*)