

[1830.

r being
ention.
er, and

1830.

death of
y was a
l heard
Duch-
King at
uncholy
out was
t it was
ne king-
ave just
oucester
s worth
a great
ame on.
es entire
a desire
ion and
and Sir
e could
ed. Sir
m to let
ppened,
that the
was to
use, and
oucester
King's

1830.]

ACCESSION OF KING WILLIAM IV.

485

The Council met about twelve, the new King having come to town. The Privy Councillors swore allegiance to William IV., doing away with the silly report that he was to style himself Henry IX. An order has been signed for the Proclamation (this I know from Scarlett, who was present), and the streets are now crowded with people waiting to see the ceremony. His Majesty returns to Bushey to dinner. Nothing is known of the measures of the new reign. It is supposed that the Duke of Wellington will retain his power, but he must share it with others. The King's death is rather opportune; for I do not see how Ministers could have gone on for a fortnight longer. It is expected that the business of the session will be huddled over, and then will come the dissolution. We shall soon see how the cat jumps. Unless I come in ingloriously for a government borough, I see no chance for myself. Seats are said to be scarcer and dearer than ever known: £1500 a year, or £6000 taking all chances.

END OF VOL. II.