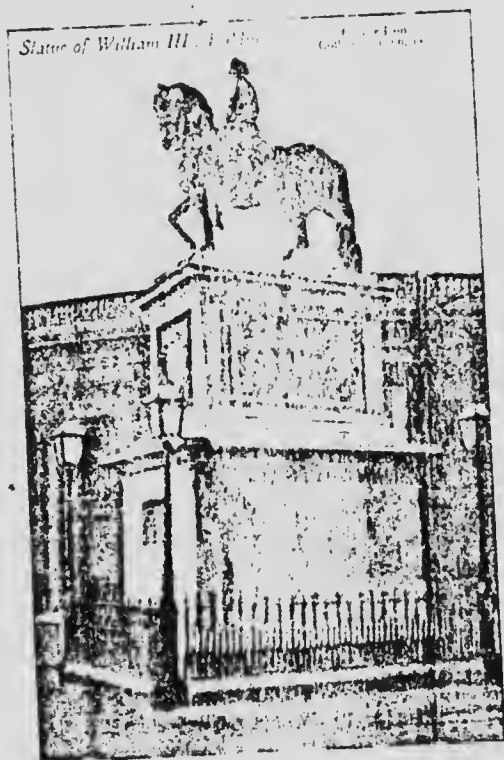


THE CLOSING ACTS OF A NOBLE LIFE.

The Parliament and the Ministers of the Crown, seeing that his life hung in the balance, became anxious concerning the Abjuration Bill, the Bill of Rights and the Act of Succession, to which the signature of the dying monarch had not yet been ap-



STATUE OF WILLIAM III., DUBLIN
Erected on College Green, 1701.

ended. If he should pass away without signing these important documents which were to become the future bulwarks of our Protestant liberties, then a great deal of the glory of espousing our cause, of crossing the water and spending fourteen years in England might soon vanish away.

But how was he to sign these legal documents, now that his