

had succeeded the late Duke of Abercorn in the Irish vice-royalty, and Lord Randolph was his father's private secretary. He was elected by the late Lord Justice Fitzgerald to speak on Mr. O'Connor's behalf at the College Historical Society, and the speech then delivered, and no doubt enriched by the hints and suggestions of the Lord Justice, brought Lord Randolph Churchill, who had for three years previously been an undistinguished member for the family borough of Woodstock, into the House, which he gradually advanced him to the leader-