

English. James fled to Dublin in dismay, followed by his flying troops. The capital was wild. The next morning James fled, and did not rest for fifty miles, till beyond the Wicklow hills. The seeds of what subsequently became the Orange Institution were sown in the days of King William. The Protestants entered into an association for the defence of their sovereign and their country. They wore on their hats a ribbon with these words, "General Association for King William."

About the year 1794-95 a perfect reign of terror was the order of the day. The defenders commenced the battle of the Diamond, and on the field of battle the first Orange lodge was formed in the house of James Sloan in the village of Loughgall, on the 21st September, 1795, Dian Lodge, No. 1. The Grand Lodge was organized in the city of Dublin on the 4th of April, 1798, Thomas Verner was appointed Grand Master. For nearly forty years, from 1798 to 1836, the Grand Lodge continued to exercise its immense powers, through the press, on the platform, at the hustings, in the Senate, and on the battlefield, in upholding the crown of England.