

with a squadron of the life guards against the rebels, under the Duke of Monmouth. While on this service he evinced great zeal in the royal cause; on the 25th of June he attacked and defeated a squadron of rebel horse at Caniston Bridge, and on the night preceding the battle of Sedgemoor, he was sent to make a reconnoissance towards Bristol, but he joined the royal army in time to take part in the conflict, and the gallantry with which he led the life guards to the charge, contributed materially to the overthrow of the rebel army.

After the suppression of this rebellion Lieut.-Colonel Oglethorp was knighted by King James II., and promoted to the colonelcy of the HOLLAND regiment. In 1688 he was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general, and he commanded a brigade of the king's army assembled to oppose the Prince of Orange. Having received many favours from King James II., he refused, when the revolution took place, to appear in arms against that monarch, and his regiment was given to Colonel Churchill. He was afterwards a member of parliament for several years for the county of Surrey, and he died in 1704. Three years after his decease a pamphlet was published by Mrs. Francis Shaftoe, in which it was stated that the Pretender, who had been acknowledged as King of Great Britain by the courts of France and Spain, was the son of the late Sir Theophilus Oglethorp. The import of this pamphlet was, that Sir Theophilus Oglethorp and his lady had been in great favour with the late king, James II., and his consort, and had occupied an apartment in the palace; that the Prince of Wales died when an infant, and that a son of the late Sir Theophilus Oglethorp, of the same age, was substituted.

CHARLES CHURCHILL.

Appointed 31st December, 1688.

CHARLES CHURCHILL (son of Sir Winstan Churchill, a distinguished loyalist in the reigns of Charles I. and II.) was brother of that celebrated commander, John Duke of Marlborough, and was born in 1656; when thirteen years of age, he was page of honour to Christian V., King of Denmark. He was ensign in the Duke of York's regiment,* in 1675. In 1680, an additional regiment (now the fourth or King's Own,)

* Afterwards Prince George of Denmark's regiment.—See page 129.