

THE ORANGE ASSOCIATION.—CONTINUED.

No sooner had the news spread, that the Earl of Calernndon's son had joined the Prince of Orange, than hundreds poured into the same standard. Amongst the earliest and most noted were Sir William Portman of Bryanstone, and Sir Francis Warre of Hestercombe. The most important of all, however, was Sir Edward Seymour, whose great dignity, parliamentary abilities, and extensive influence, gave to his adhesion to the Orange cause, an importance it had not before acquired. The following anecdote, characteristic of Sir Edward's sense of his own dignity, is related of his first interview with William. "I think Sir Edward," said the Prince, intending to be very civil, "that you are of the Family of the Duke of Somerset." "Pardon me, Sir," said Sir Edward, who never forgot that he was the head of the elder branch of the Seymours, "the Duke of Somerset is of my Family." This story, which is related by several writers, bears a close resemblance to what is told of the Manriquez Family, who, it is said, took for their device, the words, "*Nos no descendemos de los Reyes, sino los Reyes, descienden de nos.*"

Over sixty Noblemen and Gentlemen of the highest standing in England, had now attached themselves to the Prince's standard; and it was deemed desirable that he should give them a public reception. This **MEMORABLE EVENT** took place at Exeter, on Wednesday, the 21st of November, 1688. It was under those circumstances, and at this meeting, that the Society called ORANGE was first instituted. Mr.

Edward Rogers, a member of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, at page 18 of his little book, entitled, "**THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION OF IRELAND,**" printed by John Thompson, at "*The Guardian*" Office, Armagh, describes this event in the following words:

"In order to redress the grievances, the Prince said, he came over to England with an armed force, and that he had no other design, than to procure the full and lasting settlement of the Protestant Religion and the Laws of England. An Association was immediately formed by the direction of the Prince of Orange after his landing, to be signed by all who wished to adhere to his cause; for, said he, till we have that accomplished, we are as a rope of sand. Men may leave us when they please, and we have them under no tie; whereas, if they affixed their signatures to our Association, they would consider themselves bound to stick to us. According to his wishes, the matter was arranged forthwith. A Declaration was drawn up by Bishop Burnet, engrossed on parchment, and signed by all his followers, to the intent, that they would support and defend William Prince of Orange, in upholding the Laws and Protestant Religion, and that if any attempt should be made on his person, it should be revenged on all, by whom, or from whom, any such attempt should be made. This combination, at the time denominated "**THE ORANGE CONFEDERATION,**" had the desired