



King of France, asking him to come and take the crown. They were led to think of him because he had married John's niece.

Louis was not slow to accept the offer. He landed with an army in Kent. John marched to meet him; but as he was crossing the Wash,¹ the tide rose so fast that he and his army had scarcely time to escape from the waves; and, in their hurry and fear, the crown, jewels, and money were lost. This had such an effect on the King that it threw him into a fever. He was carried to Newark² Castle, where he died, despised and hated by every one.

QUESTIONS.—1. Who succeeded Richard? What relation to him? Whose son was John? Was he the rightful heir? Why not? What was his first care? What means did he use? What effect had the murder?

2. With whom did John quarrel? About what? How did the Pope act? Who threatened an invasion? What effect had this upon John?

3. How did John now treat his subjects? Whose anger did he thus rouse?

How did they act? What was the deed called? Why did John sign it? When? Where? Where is it still kept?

4. What was John's conduct after he had signed Magna Charta? Whose protection did the barons seek? Why did they think of him? Did he come? Where did he land? What did John do? What occurred on his march? What effect had it upon him? Where did he die? With what feelings was he regarded?

¹ *The Wash.*—A gulf between Norfolk and Lincoln, into which the Great Ouse, the Nen, and the Welland flow.

² *Newark.*—On the Trent in Nottinghamshire; 17 miles north-east of Nottingham.

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