

The adjacent great Westminster Hall, with its open oaken roof six hundred years old, was the scene of some of the most important events in the history of the nation. Here many of the early Parliaments were held; here Charles I. was condemned to death; and here Cromwell, throned in more than royal state, was saluted by the proud name of Protector. Among all the statues



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of the kings, princes and nobles in Westminster Abbey and Palace there is not found one of the peer of the mightiest of them all—the man who found England well-nigh the basest of kingdoms and raised her to the foremost place in Europe. In the Abbey we saw the spot from which the embalmed body of Cromwell was rifled, and then the pinnacles of this same Hall