

in the choir of the conventual church of St. Marie de Chaillot till the restoration of her son, or his descendants, to the throne of Great Britain, when, together with the remains of her consort and their daughter the princess Louisa, it was to be conveyed to England, and interred with the royal dead in Westminster-abbey.¹

Never did any queen of England die so poor as Mary Beatrice, as regarded the goods of this world. Instead of having any thing to leave, she died deeply in debt to the community of Chaillot: "this debt, with sundry small legacies, she charged her son to pay, out of respect to her memory, whenever it should please God to call him to the throne of his ancestors."² After the customary dirges, prayers, and offices of her church had been performed in the chamber of the deceased queen, her body was embalmed. Mary Beatrice was arrayed for the grave in the habit of the nuns of Chaillot by two of the sisters of that order, who brought the dress and veil which had been prepared for their royal friend, and placed a silver cross on her breast, with many tears. The following day, being Sunday, her remains rested at St. Germain, where solemn requiems were chanted in the cathedral church for the repose of her soul.³ All wept and lamented her loss, Protestants as well as persons of her own faith; for she had made no distinction in her charities, but distributed to all out of her pittance. The poor were true mourners. Her ladies, some of whom had been five-and-forty years in her service, were disconsolate for her loss; so were the officers of her household. The French, by whom she was much esteemed, also testified great regret, so that a general feeling of sorrow pervaded all classes.

The duke de Noailles, as governor of St. Germain and captain of the guards, came, by the order of the regency,

by the duke of Perth to the memory of James II., beneath which was placed an urn of gilt bronze, containing the brain of that monarch. Monuments and epitaphs of Mary Beatrice, wife, and of Louisa Mary, daughter of James, and also of several members of the Perth family, are still to be seen, together with the tombs of Barclay the founder, and of Innes.

¹ Chaillot Records. *Mémoriaux de la Reine d'Angleterre*, in the archives of France.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*