

KING JAMES II WAS KING OF ENGLAND FROM 1685—16:88, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER CHARLES I.

HIS STYLE OF LEADERSHIP ENRAGED MANY PROTESTANTS, WHICH CAUSED OPPOSITION LEADERS TO INVITE THE PROTESTANT WILLIAM OF ORANGE TO BRING AN ARMY TO ADDRESS

THE NATION'S GRIEVANCES.

AFTER WILLIAM LANDED AT TORBAY ON THE COAST OF DEVON WITH A DUTCH FORCE ON 5TH NOVEMBER 1688, KING JAMES FLED TO FRANCE ON 23RD DECEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR...



--- WILLIAM OF ORANGE HAD MARRIED KING JAMES II'S DAUGHTER, MARY, ON 4TH NOVEMBER 1677 AT ST JAMES' PALACE, LONDON. FOLLOWING MARY'S ARRIVAL FROM HOLLAND TO ENGLAND, WILLIAM AND MARY WERE CROWNED KING AND QUEEN ON 11TH APRIL 1689 IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON.



KING JAMES II, IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT
TO REGAIN THE CROWN THROUGHOUT IRELAND,
LANDED AT KINSALE IN THE SOUTH OF IRELAND
ON 12TH MARCH 1689 AND MARCHED TO DUBLIN,
ACCOMPANIED BY FRENCH JACOBEAN
AND IRISH OFFICERS WITH 6,000
FRENCH SOLDIERS...

HE SAILED FOR
HOME ON 5TH
SEPT 1690,
HAVING BEEN
IN IRELAND
LESS THAN
THREE
MONTHS,
COMING HOME
TO A
RAPTUROUS
WELCOME
FROM HIS WIFE
MARY.

KING WILLIAM MADE
A STATE ENTRY INTO
DUBLIN ON
SUNDAY 6TH JULY,
ATTENDING A SERVICE
OF THANKSGIVING IN
ST PATRICK'S
CATHEDRAL

ON 9TH JULY, WILLIAM
RESUMED HIS MARCH,
MAKING A DETOUR TO
CALL ON THE FAMILY OF
A FRIEND AT KILKENNY
CASTLE BEFORE
CONTINUING ON TO
LIMERICK...

LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE!

WHENEVER KING WILLIAM ARRIVED AT DROGHEDA HE MET WITH KING JAMES AND HIS FORCE OF 25,000 IRISH AND FRENCH TROOPS WHO WERE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BOYNE RIVER.

ON THE EVENING PRIOR TO THE BATTLE, KING WILLIAM WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. HOWEVER THE NEXT DAY, 1ST JULY 1690, HE WAS STILL IN CONTROL AND SENT A SMALL FORCE UPSTREAM TO DIVERT THE ENEMY FROM THE VILLAGE OF OLDBRIDGE.

THE DIVERSION WORKED AND AFTER A VALIANT BATTLE IN WHICH THE DUKE OF SCHOMBERG AND REV GEORGE WALKER, THE HERO OF THE SIEGE OF DERRY, WERE KILLED, KING JAMES, REALISING THAT HE WAS DEFEATED, FLED FROM THE BATTLE SCENE AND MADE FOR DUBLIN. THE NEXT MORNING HE FLED SOUTH, FIRST TO WATERFORD AND THEN SCURRIED TO KINGALE WHERE HE PICKED UP A FRENCH NAVAL ESCORT AND RETURNED TO FRANCE FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.



WILLIAM'S ARMY MARCHED SOUTH, TRAVELLING FROM BELFAST THROUGH HILLSBOROUGH, DROMORE, SCARVA, LOUGHBRICKLAND, NEWRY AND ON TO DROGHEDA FOLLOWING KING JAMES' DEFEAT AT THE SIEGE OF LONDONDERRY, WILLIAM CHOSE THE DUKE OF SCHOMBERG

TO LEAD THE ADVANCE. THE WILLIAMITE ARMY LANDED AT GROOMSPORT,

CO. DOWN, IN AUGUST 1689 AND MARCHED AS FAR SCUTH AS DUNDALK.

IT WAS IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, 14TH JUNE
1690, KING WILLIAM LANDED AT
CARRICKFERGUS, ACCOMPANIED BY A FLEET
OF 300 SHIPS. WILLIAM'S ARMY OF BOTH
PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC PERSUASION
TOTALLED 36,000 AND COMPRISED OF
DUTCH, GERMANS, DANES, ENGLISH
AND HUGUENOTS.--



KING WILLIAM III (1650 - 1702)



QUEEN MARY 1 (1662 - 1694)



THE WILLIAMITE ARMY
36,000 TROOPS



KING JAMES II (1633 - 1701)



KING JAMES' ARMY
25,000 TROOPS

THE GLORIOUS
REVOLUTION
HELPED ESTABLISH
THE MODERN
CONSTITUTIONAL
DEMOCRACY
WHICH WE ALL
ENJOY TODAY

