

when he came to be king ; they were both married ; the eldest to William Prince of Orange, who was the king's nephew, and the second to Prince George of Denmark. You will hear more of both these ladies by and by. King James's second wife was an Italian lady, a princess of Modena, a Roman Catholic, proud and ill-tempered, and disliked by the English.

Before James had been king a year, the Duke of Monmouth, a young prince, who was his nephew, landed in England with a small army, in hopes the people would make him king instead of James. But King James's soldiers soon put an end to Monmouth's army, and the young prince was sent to London, where his head was cut off.

The king sent two men to punish the rebels in the parts where Monmouth's army was destroyed, Colonel Kirke and Judge Jeffries. These two men, by the king's orders, committed the greatest cruelties ; they hung some men on the different church steeples ; some they cut to pieces before they were quite dead. A kind and charitable old lady, Mrs. Gaunt, was burnt alive for trying to save a poor soldier ; and another, named Lady Lisle, was put to death for the same reason. In short, King James soon showed that he was as cruel and wicked as any king that ever reigned in any country, and the people began to hate him.

The next things that made the English people wish to get rid of James as a king, were his trying to govern without a parliament ; his trying to give all power in church and state to the Roman Catholics ; and his putting seven English bishops in prison because they ventured to beg him to govern better, and particularly not to trouble the religion of the country.