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CHAPTER X.

OUTLINES OF THE HISTORY OF THE CONNECTION WITH ENGLAND—*continued.*

ADMINISTRATION OF LORD STRAFFORD.—PERFIDIOUS DENIAL OF THE GRACES.—NEW INVASIONS OF PROPERTY, AND A NEW ARISTOCRACY.—REVIVED ASCENDANCY OF THE HOUSE OF ORMONDE.—ROGER MOORE, AND THE REBELLION OF 1641.—THE WAR OF THE CONFEDERATES.—CROMWELL LORD LIEUTENANT.—FURTHER FORFEITURES.—ACTS OF SETTLEMENT AND EXPLANATION.—ORMONDE A DUKE, AND AGAIN LORD LIEUTENANT.—HIS DEATH AND CHARACTER.

Irish affairs appear in a new but still in a troubled phase, under Charles I. and Charles II. The royal authority, overturned because overstrained, became, when restored again, overpowering: the Reformation, irresistible in point of law, was nevertheless scarcely established in point of fact; while the liberty of the subject remained unknown. Here, as elsewhere, civil liberty was in no degree extended, though the principle of freedom of conscience was proclaimed.

Ireland was never ruled by a man of more eminent talents, a haughtier spirit, or a firmer mind, than Wentworth, earl of Strafford. In his administration the policy was consummated which, dictating the subjugation of the Anglo-Irish barons and the native chieftains, had erected upon the fall of their wild immunities and licentious pretensions, an absolute and uncontrolled dominion upon the part of the crown. As they are now seen, there was nothing doubtful or obscure in the