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IRELAND FROM 1641 TO THE ACCESSION OF JAMES II

THE forty years which immediately preceded the breaking out of the Rebellion of 1641 were the most peaceful and prosperous which Ireland had seen for centuries. The industrial progress of the island during this period was remarkable. For the first time in her history Ireland paid her way. The soil was greatly improved by applying to it modes of husbandry with which the native inhabitants had hitherto been unacquainted. New and profitable employments were introduced, manufactures were established. The linen manufacture in particular had made such an advance as to establish among our historians the mistaken idea that it was first introduced by Lord Strafford.¹ The value of lands and their rents had increased. In 1640 the customs amounted to almost four times the sum which was received from them at the commencement of the century. Shipping had increased a

¹ Long before Strafford was born linen cloth was manufactured in and exported from Ireland. To buy linen cloth, except in open fair, was punishable by the 33 Henry VIII, c. 2. By the 11 Eliz. c. 10 it was forbidden to export linen yarns without paying the enormous duty of twelvepence a pound. By the 13 Eliz. c. 1 it was provided that none but merchants inhabiting staple or corporate towns should export cloth made of linen yarn. The Rev. Charles O'Connor says, "The antiquity of linen cloth in Ireland is lost in the night of the remotest ages of our history."—*Historical Address*, pt. ii. p. 255.