James II's Reign and the Glorious Revolution



James II became the king of England in 1685. He was a		, which
worried many of his subjects. Engl	and had been predominantly	
for many	years. People feared that James	would restore
Catholicism as the state	James also belie	eved in the divine
right of kings. This meant he thou	ght he could rule without	·
He often clashed with Parliament of	ver laws and taxes.	
In 1688, James had a	, which created more	fear. His son would
be raised Catholic and continue his	father's	. Many people did
not want a Catholic dynasty. Important leaders invited		of
Orange to invade England. William	was married to James's Protesto	ant
, Mary. Wil	liam and Mary were seen as a Pr	otestant
alternative to James.		
William landed in	with a large army. Many of James's	
soldiers deserted him. James fled t	o, seek	ing safety. This
event is known as the Glorious Rev	olution. It was called "glorious" b	ecause there was
little Will	iam and Mary took the throne an	nd agreed to a
constitutional monarchy. This mea	nt they ruled with Parliament's	
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beginning of a new	of parliamentary powe	r.
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