

House of Stuart restored

William and Mary (jointly) 1689-1694

William was the nephew of Charles II and James II as the son of their sister Mary and William II of Orange. On his father's death, William became the Prince of Orange in Province and the Stadtholder of Holland and, as such, he participated in wars against Louis XIV of France, unaware that his uncle, Charles II, had an agreement to attack Holland. His wife, Mary, would succeed to the English throne, but when he accepted the call to England and James fled to France, William refused to serve as Mary's consort. Therefore, parliament offered them the throne as joint rulers.

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