It is proper to observe, that this statute is clearly declaratory of the fundamental laws of the British constitution, which establish the reciprocal obligations of protection and allegiance, with the right of the subject to compensation for losses sustained through the want of that protection; because, by this statute, the King, Lords, and Commons, declare, " That as the great losses and damages " fustained were on account of the concern " he had, or was supposed to bave bad, in pro-" moting the act for laying a duty upon malt, " it is JUST and REASONABLE, that the faid " damages and loffes should be MADE GOOD " and REPAID to the faid Daniel Campbell, " clear of all deductions." And it is further observable, that the Parliament of that day thought it true policy, as well as justice, further to declare to the subject, that full compenfation was due by law to those who had fuffered in consequence of a mere supposition that they had discharged the least of their political duties to the State.

In the year 1689, during the rebellion in Ireland, the House of Commons made ample provision

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provision for the support of the Irish nobility, gentry, and clergy, whose estates had been consisted in consequence of their sidelity to the Crown of England, and who had taken refuge under the British government. Com. Journ. vol. 10. p. 204. 212. 217. 259. 97, 98. And,

In the same year, the rebellion being suppressed, by the statute of the 1 W, and M. c. 9. "All the Protestant subjects, who had continued faithful in their allegiance during the rebellion in Ireland, and had incurred a forfeiture of their estates under acts of the Irish Parliament," were restored to their possessions, as well ecclesiastical as temporal, in the same manner they were held before the rebellion."

Compensation was made for the losses suftained by those who had defended Londonderry during the siege, out of the public fund raised by the confiscated estates of the rebels. Ibid. vol. 13. p. 291. 293.

In 1705, the House of Commons, on the petition of Elizabeth Wanderford, stating, that her husband, on account of his zeal and fervice in Ireland for the late King William, had been condemned as a traitor, and his estate