

THE HISTORY OF THE

REIGN OF

CHARLES THE FIRST

The first year of the reign of Charles the first was a year of great calamity to the kingdom. The king, who had been long in exile, returned to England in the month of May, and was crowned at Westminster on the third of June. He was then thirty years of age, and had been absent from his native country for more than ten years. His return was the result of a long and arduous journey, during which he had suffered many hardships and dangers. He was received with great joy and enthusiasm by his subjects, and his coronation was a grand and magnificent ceremony. However, the king's return did not bring about the peace and prosperity that many had hoped for. On the contrary, the kingdom was plunged into a state of civil war, which lasted for several years. The king's policies, particularly his religious and political views, were the cause of much controversy and division among his subjects. He was opposed by a large number of his nobles and commoners, who believed that his actions were against the interests of the kingdom. The war was a bloody and destructive one, and it resulted in the death of many innocent people. The king's health also suffered during this time, and he died in the month of March, 1649, at the age of thirty-nine. His death marked the end of the reign of Charles the first, and the beginning of a new era in the history of England.