



EARL OF ARLINGTON.

**Arlington, Henry Bennet**, earl of, member of the 'Cabal,' was born in 1618. He studied at Christ Church, Oxford, and graduated M.A.; served as a volunteer in the royalist army during the civil war; and continued in the service of Charles II. during the commonwealth. He was made secretary to the duke of York, knighted by Charles at Bruges in 1658, and in October 1662 was appointed principal secretary of state. In March 1664 he was made a baron, by the title of Lord Arlington. It was in 1667 that he became a member of the famous council known as the 'Cabal,' and in 1672 he was created Viscount Thetford and Earl of Arlington, and made K.G. After being employed in foreign negotiations he was, early in 1674, impeached by the House of Commons as a promoter of popery, and a traitor in his office of secretary of state. Though acquitted he resigned his post, and was named chamberlain to the king. He soon lost favour with the king, and was made the subject of jest and mimicry among the courtiers, but was nevertheless chosen, in 1679, a member of the council, and was continued in his office of chamberlain by James II. Arlington was at heart a Romanist, and died in communion with the Catholic Church; yet he dissuaded the king on grounds of policy from showing favour to the Catholics. He married Isabella, daughter of Louis of Nassau, by whom he left one daughter. Died, July 28, 1685.

*Henry Bennet*



*Houbraken sculp.*

*BENNET* Earl of *ARLINGTON*.

615



EARL OF ARLINGTON.



Engraved by T.A. Deane.

HENRY BENNET, EARL OF ARLINGTON.

OB. 1685.

FROM THE ORIGINAL OF LEIX, IN THE COLLECTION OF  
THE RIGHT HON<sup>BLE</sup> LORD DE CLIFFORD.

PROOF

*London, Published Aug. 1. 1829, by Harding & Lepard, Pall Mall East.*