

# British Monarchs

1600's - ii

## The Stuarts Restored

### **CHARLES II THE MERRY MONARCH**

24 yrs. 254 days. Asked to become king after nine years in exile following the flight of RICHARD CROMWELL to France. Received back in London to popular acclaim on his 30th birthday in 1660. One of the most popular English kings, a playboy monarch.

### **JAMES II and VII of Scotland**

3 yrs. 321 days. Last catholic monarch, persecuted protestants and hated by the people, fled to France, deposed in the Glorious Revolution confirming the primacy of parliament over the crown. His removal was thought necessary to avert a civil war after riots.

### **WILLIAM III OF ORANGE**

13 yrs. 24 days. and **MARY II** - 5 yrs. 319 days. Arrived unopposed in a fleet of over 450 ships from the Netherlands supported by influential British political and religious leaders. On their arrival JAMES II's army deserted and he went into exile. WILLIAM and MARY ruled jointly and established that sovereignty was derived from parliament and not birth.