

## CHAPTER XI.

ACCESSION OF QUEEN MARY.—COVERDALE DEPRIVED OF HIS BISHOPRICK—AND SUMMONED BEFORE THE COUNCIL.—INTERPOSITION OF THE KING OF DENMARK IN HIS FAVOUR.—HIS LETTERS ON THE SUBJECT.—COVERDALE, AFTER MUCH DELAY, PERMITTED TO DEPART INTO DENMARK—FROM WHENCE HE PROCEEDS INTO GERMANY.—IS REINSTATED IN HIS FORMER BENEFICE AT BERGZABERN.—AFTERWARDS JOINS THE CONGREGATION AT GENEVA.

POLYDORE VIRGIL tells us<sup>a</sup> that on the accession of Queen Mary, all ecclesiastics who were married and would not put away their wives, or who were at all opposed to papistical doctrines, were indiscriminately thrust out from their places. Some were clapped up in prison, under the pretence of preaching without licence, or of owing the queen for first-fruits, or tenths, or of using king Edward's service book, &c. ; so that the prisons in London were full of them.<sup>b</sup>

On the 22nd of August, a letter was sent to Coverdale for his undelayed repair to the court, then being at

<sup>a</sup> Page iii. ed. 1570, copied verbatim in Godw. Ann. p. iii. ed. 1616.

<sup>b</sup> Stry. Eccl. Mem. vol. iii. p. 140.