



*QUEEN ANNE'S SITTING-ROOM.*

both extravagant and dissolute, and was not the man to repair fortunes wasted in the evil days of war. Shortly before he died, or at about the time of his death, his estates at Stainborough passed by sale to Thomas Wentworth, Lord Raby, descended from a family settled at Wentworth, near Rotherham, from very early times, which had given birth to the great Earl of Strafford. After the Earl's execution, the estates and honours of Wentworth Woodhouse were restored to his son, but, when this second Earl died, in 1675, his title of Baron Raby came to

his cousin Thomas Wentworth, the builder of Wentworth Castle.

Wentworth was a remarkable man in his time, ever a soldier first, coming of an old fighting stock, for his grandfather had been slain for the King at Marston Moor. More of a soldier was Wentworth than a diplomatist, though diplomacy was forced upon him. After the Revolution he became a cornet in Lord Colchester's regiment of horse, and went to Scotland in the expedition against Dundee, after which he was fighting in Flanders until the