

Peace of Ryswick. He was in the vanguard at Steinkirk, 1692, where his squadron was cut to pieces and himself wounded, and as a reward for his valour William III. promised him early promotion. In the next year he became aide-de-camp to the King and major of the first troop of Guards. In 1695 he was with William at the siege of Namur, where one of his brothers was killed, and it was shortly afterwards that he inherited the title of Raby, when his cousin, the second Earl of Strafford, died. It was a

somewhat barren inheritance, for the Earl left his estate to Thomas Watson, son of Lord Rockingham. Raby was given command of the Royal Regiment of Dragoons in 1697, and advanced rapidly until he became a lieutenant-general ten years later. Long before this he had been drawn into the diplomatic circle. He was despatched in 1701 as envoy at the coronation of Frederick, Elector of Brandenburg, as King of Prussia. In the next year, fighting again, he had his horse shot under him, and lost



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