 Up to the sixteenth century most of Ireland remained
unconquered by the English. Irishmen still lived unde
their old constitution, under their own chiefs. In $15+1$ Henry VIII took the title of king of Ireland, but did notl
ing to improve Ircland. The reformation made no pros ress in the island, though monasteries were established.
Under Queen Elizabeth, a series of uprisings termin ated in a general rebellion and resulted in the reduction the entire island by the English in1603, Six hundred thot-
sand acres of land were taken from the Irish and distrit nted among the English. The reign of James I saw mo 800,000 more acres of land for the king for division amon the Seoteh and English settlers in Clster.
Rebellion after rebellion followed. Cromwell in 16 reduced the entire island, slaying many thousands, bur 40,000 entered the so
Continued misgovernment and oppression have re rigorously and bloodily suppressed. No general ameliora-
tion of the conditions prevaling took place until the Amer tion of the conditions prevailing took place until the Amer
ican revolution convinced the English of the folly of at tempting to govern a people by coercion. Since then many
reforms have been introduced, all vigorously fought by thi reforms have been introduced, all vigorousty
tories.
The Irish coercion act in 1833 followed in $\mathbf{1 8 4 5 - 6}$ b ramine, broke the spint of the nation and by hundreds of
thousands the population emigrated to America. The land is still one exploited for the benefit of absent landlords poor and poverty
natural industrics.
Ulster was colonized by the Protestant English a operations, from which it was planned to colonize event ally the entire island. It is the descendants of these immi home rule for the Irish. Having themselves oppressed
and exploited the natives for centuries and still bencfitting by discriminative taxation, they fear legislative reprisal,
once the Irish are given a voice in their own government

All the arguments made against home rule for Ireland are simply the arguments of the privileged the world over
against the granting of rights to their exploited vietims No race has the right to rule another against ite wishes No nation can develop under government by foreign co-
ercion.

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The British army is a tory institution, officered
tories. Like the tories, it must eventually go. It is no surprising to see these officers desert when toryism is threatened. The London mob is a creature of passion and religions bigotry and fanaticism to halt progress.
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