By 1653 Cromwell had grown frustrated with the Rump and decided to get rid of it.

Cromwell sent soldiers into Parliament and ended its sitting.

Opponents of Cromwell claimed that he had given quarter but killed those who had surrendered anyway.

Rose to power as person who controlled the army

Fought for Parliament in the Civil War and was one of the people who signed the death warrant of Charles I.

***CROMWELL: Hero or Villain. You Decide!***

Rump did neither of these things

Cromwell hoped Rump would make England more godly and organise new elections.

1649-1653 England governed by Rump Parliament

**Cromwell and Parliament**

Cromwell was ruthless in order to prevent further bloodshed

Town had not surrendered so ‘no quarter’ was offered.

Cromwell crushed the rebellion at Drogheda

Cromwell landed in Ireland in 1649.

Irish Catholics, led by Ormonde, threatening to invade England with French help.

**Irish Rebellion**

Country gentleman who became famous general and leader of England in the 1640s and 1650s.

**Introduction**

Did not want son of Charles I to be King

Feb 1657 Cromwell offered Crown

Cromwell accepted new constitution: son to be protector after him. Died in 1658.

Not acceptable to army: Cromwell did not accept crown.

Some say he did not want to lead the country others that he wanted to have greater power than the King he had replaced.

Found politics much harder and had less success

Cromwell succeeded as a soldier and founder of the New model army and man of strong religious beliefs

**Conclusion**

Some thought best thing to do was to bring back monarchy

Failed. 1657 many tired of army running country and high taxes.

Tried to govern with 11 Major Generals covering different areas of country.

Cromwell dismissed Parliament

Parliament wished to restrict religious freedom

1654 new Parliament elected

‘Protectorate’ was time when Cromwell was Lord Protector

**Cromwell and the Protectorate**

Cromwell made LORD PROTECTOR with a large share of the power.

1653 Parliament devised new CONSTITUTION (new laws for how the country should be run and by whom)

**Cromwell as Lord Protector**