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This diploma thesis deals with 70s and 80s in 17th century in England. During this period of the reign of Charles II Stuart comes to the forefront the question of succession, which culminated in the so-called exclusion crisis (1679–1681). The thesis will try to outline in seven chapters, including the introduction and conclusion, the development of the crisis of succession associated with the person of James, Duke of York. The first part of the work will focus on the period before the exclusion crisis and will highlight important moments such as the approval of the Test Act or the Popish Plot. Another part of the thesis will deal with the period of crisis itself until the dissolution of the last Exclusion Parliament in Oxford in 1681 and the defeat the Whig party. The last chapter will close the whole question of succession in 1685, the death of Charles II Stuart and the advent of James II to the English throne.