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A short ACCOUNT of what befel the Pr. in
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Together with

A brief RELATION of what became of some
of those who composed his Army.

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P R E F A C E .

THE following Relation, or Journal of the young Chevalier's Escape, was at first wrote out of curiosity ; which I was induc'd to do, by having so many opportunities of conversing with the chief of the Parties who were instrumental in conducting and assisting him in his escape ; for which they were taken, and detained Prisoners for a considerable Time, and were at last dismissed, without ever being examined at the Cockpit, or elsewhere, by Authority of the Secretaries of State. Part was taken from those carried Prisoners to London, and the rest, from those in Scotland ; but, after the Pr.'s Return to the Continent of Scotland, on the 6th of July, from the Western Isles, to his embarking for France, is taken from the Rev. Mr. Cameron's Journal, who accompanied him most of that Time. The rest of the Account, in relation to what befel him in France, and to his leaving Avignon, is taken from the best Authorities published, and from private Letters sent to different Places ; many of which have not yet been made publick ; es-

pecially that which gives the manner of taking, detaining as Prisoner, and sending the Pr. out of France.

Thus much I thought proper to premise, in order to convince the Reader, that this Relation is genuine, and not composed of a very few facts, and the rest made up of Falsities and Fiction, the Work of a fruitful Brain; like those Pamphlets intitled, *Ascanius, The Wanderer, and The Chevalier*; which last is one of the greatest impositions upon the Publick. For this Reason, I have been strongly solicited, by all who have seen my historical Account, to publish it; which I should have done much sooner, had I not waited to see if some abler Writer would favour the World, with giving it a true Relation of that most miraculous and almost incredible Escape: The Truth of which would have been much disputed, had not the different Persons therein concerned been taken into Custody; many of whom told Gen. Campbell the same Story, as is herein very circumstantially related, when they were taken before him in Scotland. All which I have endeavoured to tell in their own Words, as near as I could, without altering their Sense or Meaning.

This I do, without the least Regard to the Censure of the hot-headed Zealots, who make it tantamount to downright Disaffection, to assert that the young Chevalier has not a cloven Foot, or something monstrous about him.

I think it is very extraordinary, that any People can be so weak as to imagine, that personal reflexions, little mean Aspersions, or idle malicious Tales and Insinuations, should be any support to a Cause, or deprive the Antagonists of the least Share of their intrinsick Merit: Or that they should be so blind as to think of getting the better in anything by Misrepresentation and Lies; which can produce nothing but Errors, and a mean Opinion of the Authors, in the Eyes of all impartial Men of Sense and Judgment. Speaking what is just of a Man, is not approving his Cause; that is entirely his own Affair, in which he acts by the Approbation of his Conscience, and a firm Belief of Right in himself. And no Persons of Moderation or serious Reflexion would ever vilify any Man's Character on that Account, any more than they ought to do that of the Person who opposes him upon the same Principles. Virtue ought certainly to be revered where-ever it is found; and, with how much Reason soever the Claim of the young Chevalier may be obnoxious, it follows not, that his good Qualities should be so too, or that we should deny our Pity for those Misfortunes to which he was born, and fall not on him through his own Misconduct, but that of others. I shall therefore only add, that I have carefully avoided all kind of fulsome Exaggerations, as well as all ungenerous Invectives. Wherefore I hope all will read and judge without Prejudice.