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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 induced 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.