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THE History of *Louisiana*, which we here present to the public, was wrote by a planter of sixteen years experience in that country; who had likewise the advantage of being overseer or director of the public plantations, both when they belonged to the company, and afterwards when they fell to the crown; by which means he had the best opportunities of knowing the nature of the soil and climate, and what they produce, or what improvements they are likely to admit of; a thing in which this nation is, without doubt, highly concerned and interested. And when our author published this history in 1758, he had likewise the advantage, not only of the accounts of *F. Charlevoix*, and others, but of the *Historical Memoirs of Louisiana* published at *Paris* in 1753, by *Mr. Dumont*, an officer who resided two and twenty years in the country, and was personally concerned and acquainted with many of the transactions in it; from

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