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the present Tories, who take to reading, find in him many paradoxes equally amusing and convincing. He is, to say the truth, a very agreeable writer, and possesses a style not inferior to that of Father Orleans in French ; and is, I suppose, for that reason, so much recommended to the perusal of young men of fashion that are entering upon the world. He and the father both prove to the reader, that the first of the Stuarts had a great deal of good-nature and learning, wrote very well, loved peace discreetly, and followed the right politics for this nation. In short, that the religion and constitution changed in this country by accident, and that fanaticism heated the brains of the inhabitants so strangely, that they were never in their right senses (and therefore quarrelled about forms of government and religion, which are mere whims in themselves) and thereby became the causes of infinite distress and misfortune afterwards. These very material facts and positions are always supported by some ingenious example, or else by some quotations from private pamphlets and enthusiastic religious publications, hitherto unnoticed, genuine, but obscure productions of the time, which Mr. Hume has had the good fortune to meet with, and from thence to deduce the true principles of the great actors in those days, as well as the sense of the nation, in opposition to the famous authors and remarkable memoirs, journals of parliament and private letters of considerable men, whereon other historians have very mistakenly relied. It is in reality a performance new, entertaining and singular, and will reconcile any man to the reigns of the Stuarts, who reads it free from the pre-
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