

CHARLES

I.

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No. II.

*Iſle of Rbé Expedition.*From the
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[The disgraceful conduct of this expedition is exclaimed against by all our historians. These original papers throw additional lights upon it; but the Duke of Buckingham's personal gallantry is highly, and perhaps deservedly, extolled by his friends. It was a ridiculous vanity in him to affect the General, without the least experience in the military profession; and it was the height of indiscretion to engage his master in a quarrel with France, when he had one with Spain upon his hands which he could not manage.]

It was fortunate for Charles I. that, with such inauspicious openings of his reign, he got out of two unsuccessful wars with so little personal or national dishonour. The treaties were renewed with France and Spain, on equal terms, in 1629 and 1630: vide Preface to Carleton's Letters. The articles may be found in Rushworth, &c. It is true, that we had no share in making a peace for the Protestants, and that we gave up (what was certainly then of no consequence) Quebec, which had been taken by a privateering squadron, under a Huguenot commander, one Kirk.]

Mr. De Vic to Lord Conway.

Right honourable and my singular good Lord,

TO inform of particular occurrences, is, I know, the work of July 27.
many, more curious, I confess, in those observations, than I have been; and it may be, more at leisure to make a relation of them. Mine are of another nature, and those not many, neither