

THE
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O F
ERASMUS,

More particularly that part of it,
which He spent in ENGLAND;

WHEREIN AN
Account is given of his Learned Friends,
And the State of RELIGION and LEARNING
At that Time in both our
U N I V E R S I T I E S.

WITH AN
A P P E N D I X

Containing several
ORIGINAL PAPERS.

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The profest cause of *Erasmus* leaving *England* about this time, was to attend the Press at *Basil*, where he chose to have his Books publish'd under the care of *Froben* the Printer. In the preceeding Year we have an Epistle indeed of his to *Gonell*^a dated in 1515. in words at length in the *London* Edition, and yet the matter determines it to have been in the former Year. For in the beginning of *July* 1514. he was got over to *Hamme* Castle near *Calice*, from whence he wrote to *Servatius*^b that he had not left *England*, for want of encouragement; for the King, and Bishop *Wolley* his prime favourite, had promis'd him mighty matters: but he must go to *Basil* to publish his *Lucubrations*. Upon the same 8th of *July* 1514. he wrote to his Friend *And. Ammonius*^c in *London*, gave him an account of his safe Voyage, that however he had the misfortune of

Erasmus Rot. Gonello suo S. D.

a *Londini* salutavi Mæcenates meos — Regium Eleemosynarium, nunc Episcopum *Lincolniensem*, sed offensus *Londino*, nondum enim illic versari tutum est ob pestilentiam, in aliud tempus distuli. Rex laboravit, cum illic essem hoc est, *Richmondia*, Sabbato proximo, sed medicus aiebat eum evasisse periculum. Adest *Londini* summi pontificis nuncius, Episcopus *Theatinus*, vir (ut aiunt) undequaque doctissimus: de pace inter principes tractaturus, sed frustra. Proximo *Maisio* Rex trajiciet unaque sororem

Mariam secum abducet, nupturam Principi nostro [i. e. *Carolo*] Bene vale charissime *Gonelle* D. *Granum* meis verbis saluta Anno millesimo quingentissimo decimo quinto. *Lond.* Edit. lib. 7. Ep. 37.

b Rex & Episcopus *Lincolniensis* qui nunc per Regem omnia potest, magnifice multa promittit — Peto nunc *Basileam* editurus *Lucubrations* meas — Ex arce *Hammenfis* juxta *Calecium*. postrid. Nonas *Julias* 1514.

c *Erasmus* *And. Ammonio*. Trajectio prosperima fuit, sed anxia mihi duntaxat, mare placidissimum venti secundi, cœlum blan-

falling