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OF THE  
BOOKS AND CHAPTERS  
OF THE  
Old and New Testament,  
WITH PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS.

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TO  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS  
THE  
PRINCESS OF WALES.

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MADAM,

THE following *Arguments and Observations upon the Old Testament*, originally composed in *French* by an eminent Divine of *Neufchatel*, and now translated into *English* by one of our own Members, we humbly beg leave to lay before your Royal Highness.

Books of this nature are never out of season: As they are wrote upon the sacred Oracles, so they derive a certain lustre from their Original, and thereby recommend themselves, at least to

those, to whom the Divine Word is sweeter than honey, and dearer than thousands of gold and silver. This was the taste the Royal Prophet had of those saving testimonies in his time, when he wisely chose them to be his *delight*, and his *counsellors*.

As your Royal Highness has given early and convincing proofs of your love to the same Word, and of your zeal to be guided thereby, through the temptations of an evil world; so we are persuaded, that a treatise, tending to the spiritual improvement of the mind, by explaining that Word of truth, will meet with a favourable reception from your Royal hands; and your illustrious name prefixed to it, gain the more upon those who stand in need of such assistances.

This consideration emboldens us to inscribe these sheets to your Royal Highness, not so much to furnish you with new matter of knowledge, wherewith your princely mind is already so richly adorned, as to lay before you an instance of the endeavours that are used to promote unfeigned  
Religion;

Religion ; to which the Holy Writings must needs be most conducive ; especially if the Reader consult them with an intent, not only to inform his judgment, but to stir up his will to a fervent desire that he may digest in his heart, and express in his life, the important truths therein contained.

Another very engaging motive to this address, is the profound respect we bear to your illustrious person, of whose protection and countenance we shall be always highly ambitious, in carrying on a work, which, we hope, may not be thought unworthy the Patronage of so great and pious a Princess.

May GOD Almighty, the great rewarder of all goodness, who hath raised your Royal Highness to so eminent a dignity, crown your steadfast adherence to the Protestant cause with fresh supplies of his grace, and make you a successful instrument of promoting such a unity, as may effectually strengthen the interest of true Religion.