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COMPRISING HIS DIARY, FROM 1641 TO 1705-6,
AND A SELECTION OF HIS FAMILIAR LETTERS.

TO WHICH IS SUBJOINED,

The Private Correspondence

BETWEEN

KING CHARLES I. AND SIR EDWARD NICHOLAS;

ALSO BETWEEN

**SIR EDWARD HYDE, AFTERWARDS EARL OF CLARENDON,
AND SIR RICHARD BROWNE,**

**AMBASSADOR TO THE COURT OF FRANCE, IN THE TIME OF
KING CHARLES I. AND THE USURPATION.**

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26. I return'd home, where I found my Lord Cheife Justice [Jefferies], the Countesse of Clarendon, and Lady Cath. Fitz-Gerald, who dined with me.

10 Aug. We had now rain after such a drowth as no man in England had known.

24. Excessive hot. We had not had above one or two considerable showers, and those storms, these 8 or 9 months. Many trees died for the want of refreshment.

31. Mr. Sidney Godolphin was made Baron Godolphin.

26 Sept. The King being return'd from Winchester, there was a numerous Court at Whitehall.

At this time the Earle of Rochester was remov'd from the Treasury to the Presidentship of the Council; Lord Godolphin was made first Commiss^r of the Treasury in his place; Lord Middleton (a Scot) made Secretary of State, in y^e room of Lord Godolphin. These alterations being very unexpected and mysterious, gave greate occasion of discourse.

There was now an Ambassador from y^e King of Siam in the East Indies to his Majesty.

22 Oct. I went with S^r William Godolphin to see the rhinoceros, or unicorn, being the first that I suppose was ever brought into England. She belong'd to some East India merchants, and was

sold (as I remember) for above ~~£~~2000. At the same time I went to see a crocodile, brought from some of the West India Islands, resembling the Egyptian crocodile.

24 Oct. I din'd at Sir Stephen Fox's with the Duke of Northumberland. He seem'd to be a young gentleman of good capacity, well bred, civil, and modest: newly come from travell, and had made his campagne at the seige of Luxemburg. Of all his Ma^{ty's} children (of which he had now six Dukes) this seem'd the most accomplish'd and worth the owning. He is extraordinary handsome and well shap'd. What y^e Dukes of Richmond and St. Alban's will prove, their youth does not yet discover; they are very pretty boys.

26. Dr. Goodman preach'd before the King on 2 James, v. 12. concerning the law of liberty: an excellent discourse and in good method. He is author of "The Prodigal Son," a treatise worth reading, and another of the old Religion.

28. I carried Lord Clarendon thro' the City, amidst all the squibbs and bacchanalia of the Lord Maior's shew, to y^e Royal Society [at Gresham Coll.] where he was propos'd a member; and then treated him at dinner.

I went to St. Clement's, that pretty built and contriv'd church, where a young divine gave us an eloquent sermon on 1 Cor. 6, v. 20. inciting to