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PREFACE.

AMONG the various events of the great struggle which raged so furiously in Holland and Germany during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, none have a greater interest than the unhappily-renowned war in the Palatinate, as connected with the fortunes of its ruling family; a line not only allied to our own Sovereigns by blood, but deriving a peculiar interest from being one of the most constant supports of the Protestant cause.

One of its members, the Princess Palatine, forms the subject of the following work; and for many reasons is she well worthy of attention. Her noble descent—the blood of the Nassau and Stuart races—might alone render her illustrious; her learning and high intelligence in an age when learning and research were unknown to the fair sex, and to be met with only

our William III, married to King James II's daughter, Mary, and also the present reigning KING OF HOLLAND, a daughter of whom (by Paulowna, daughter of Alexander, Emperor of Russia) is married to the GRAND DUKE OF SAXE-WEIMAR.

A granddaughter of the Elector Frederick V, and Elizabeth Stuart, Elizabeth Charlotte of Hesse Cassel, was married to Philip, Duke of Orleans, from whom descended Philip of Orleans (the Regent); Philip Egalité; the late King of the French, Louis Philippe; and the present representatives of the HOUSE OF ORLEANS.

The filiation of the House of Brunswick from Sophia, the sister of the Princess Palatine, and the Elector of Hanover before-mentioned, from whom sprang George I, and his descendants, the ROYAL FAMILY OF ENGLAND, completes this record of the descendants on one side of Mary Stuart and of William of Orange on the other.

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