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THE HISTORY OF AMERICA,

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The name of ROBERTSON has long stood in the very first rank of historians, and perhaps none of his writings have been more generally read, or universally admired, than his History of America. So popular has the work been in England, that it has passed through no less than ten editions. Nor is this wonderful. Dr. Robertson's patient and indefatigable industry in research, and his candour and impartiality in narration, have deservedly secured the highest degree of credit to all his statements of historical facts. His style, at once perspicuous and elegant, easy and dignified, will always find an admirer in every reader of taste. The selection of the matter comprised in the History of America, is happily calculated to blend the most agreeable amusement with solid and useful information. The discovery of a new hemisphere by Columbus, and the rapid conquest of Mexico and Peru by Cortez and Pizarro, are among the most extraordinary events recorded in authentic history. The history of the conduct of the Spaniards towards the natives of America, exhibits in the strongest colours the horrible consequences which naturally flow from avarice and ambition, shielded by religious bigotry, & unrestrained either by public opinion or the strong arm of a just & enlightened government. Dr. Robertson's masterly descriptions of the customs, manners, social state, and religious and political institutions, of the natives of America, is perhaps better calculated than any other work in existence to give us correct ideas of the nature and situation of man in a savage state, and of the effects produced by the invention of the arts and sciences, and the improvements in social and political institutions—His description of the soil, climate, and natural productions of Spanish America; of the system pursued by Spain towards her colonies, and of the effects of that system both on them and on the mother country; of the present state of science, religion, agriculture, commerce, manufactures and population, in the different Spanish colonies, must afford amusement and instruction to every description of readers.

The other quarters of the globe have experienced great and important changes in consequence of the discovery of America. To furnish labourers for European planters settled in the islands, and in various parts of the continent of America, Africa has been plundered of its wretched inhabitants, and rendered still more barbarous and desolate, than while it was secluded from any intercourse with more polished nations. The gold and silver of America have furnished Europeans with the means of an extensive commerce with Asia, and together with the other productions of the new world, have had a powerful agency in producing that increase of commerce and manufactures which has gradually but essentially ameliorated the condition of the great body of the people in

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