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Remarks On The Life and Writings Of Dr. Jonathan Swift, Dean of St. Patrick's, Dublin

Orrery, John Boyle of

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The first volume of Faulkner's edition of Swift's works.

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comply with your requests, I take the earliest opportunity of going on with a plan, that hitherto has received the encouragement of your filial partiality.

The first volume of FAULKNER'S edition consists of various tracts jumbled together, without any regularity or order. The first treatise in this volume is intitled, *A discourse of the contests and dissensions between the nobles and commons in ATHENS and ROME*. It was written in the year 1701, towards the latter end of King WILLIAM'S reign, and at a time, when that Prince was made extremely uneasy, by the violence with which some of his ministers, and chief favourites were pursued. However bright the crown of *England* might have glittered in the eyes of the Prince of *Orange*, he found it, when placed upon his head, a crown of thorns. The longer he wore the diadem, the bandelet still became more tight and irksome. Complaints, and enquiries arose in the senate. Feuds, and unchristian animosities, in the convocation. Nor had foreign affairs a more propitious aspect. LEWIS the fourteenth was making large strides towards universal monarchy. Plots were carrying on at St. GERMAIN'S. The *Dutch* had acknowledged the Duke of ANJOU as King of SPAIN: and EUROPE in general seemed pregnant of fire, and ready to burst into flames. Thus began the year 1701. King WILLIAM in hopes to dispel this sulphureous body of clouds, which seemed to threaten some future thunder of extraordinary violence, had made several changes in his ministry, and had removed some of his faithfulest servants from places of the highest trust and dignity. The alteration