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if they be, I am the readiest in the world to run the same good or bad fortune with them in this as well as in all other respects. The like did Livy without disturbance in the time of Augustus, Sir Thomas More in that of Henry the Eighth, and Machiavel when Italy was under princes that afforded him not the ear. Tacitus records the last words of this historian, and subjoins this judicious remark: Canon near Banstead, Novemb. Chillingworth, who discovering the errors, impostures, and tyranny of the Popish church whereof he was for some time a member attackt it with more proper and successful arms than all before, or perhaps any since have don. His first step was into Holland, then the principal school of martial disciplin, and what toucht him more sensibly a place wonderfully flourishing under the influence of their liberty, which they had so lately asserted, by breaking the yoke of a severe master, the Spanish tyrant. And here, no doubt, it was that he begun to make government the subject of his meditations: Nor were the young princesses less delighted with his company, his conversation being always extremely pleasant, as well as learned and polite; to which good qualitys those unfortunat ladies were far from being strangers, as appears by the letters of the great philosopher Cartesius, and by the other writers of those times. The king was pleased with his answer, and did afterwards admit him to be one of his privy chamber extraordinary, in which quality he attended him in his first expedition against the Scots. He was of a very liberal and compassionate nature, nor could he indure to see a friend want any thing he might spare; and when the relief that was necessary exceded the bounds of his estate, he persuaded his sisters not only to contribute themselves, but likewise to go about to the rest of their relations to complete what was wanting. His natural inclinations to study kept him from seeking after any public employments. Sheldon, for their approbation. He was for three or four days permitted to stay: He afterwards found means to see the king at St. Major Wildman was then reputed the author by som, and Henry Nevil by others; which latter, by reason of this thing, and his great intimacy with Harrington, was by his detractors reported to be the Edition: By shewing that a commonwealth was a government of laws, and not of the sword, he could not but detect the violent administration of the protector by his bashaws, intendants, or majors general, which created him no small danger: To this lady, tho an absolute stranger to him, he thought fit to make his application; and being led into her antichamber, he sent in his name, with his humble request that she would admit him to her presence. Madam, said he, tho her charms assure her of a more considerable conquest, yet I must confess it is not love but revenge that prompted me to commit this theft. But she urging it was impossible, because her father had children enough of his own; he told her at last it was the issue of his brain which was misrepresented to the protector, and taken out of the press by his order. If Cromwel therefore had meant as he spoke, no man had ever such an opportunity of reforming what was amiss in the old government, or setting up one wholly new, either according to the plan of Oceana, or any other.

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