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OF  
Jonathan Swift, D.D.

Dean of St. Patrick's, Dublin,

Accurately revised

IN TWELVE VOLUMES,

Adorned with COPPER-PLATES;

WITH

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AND

NOTES HISTORICAL and EXPLANATORY,

By JOHN HAWKESWORTH.

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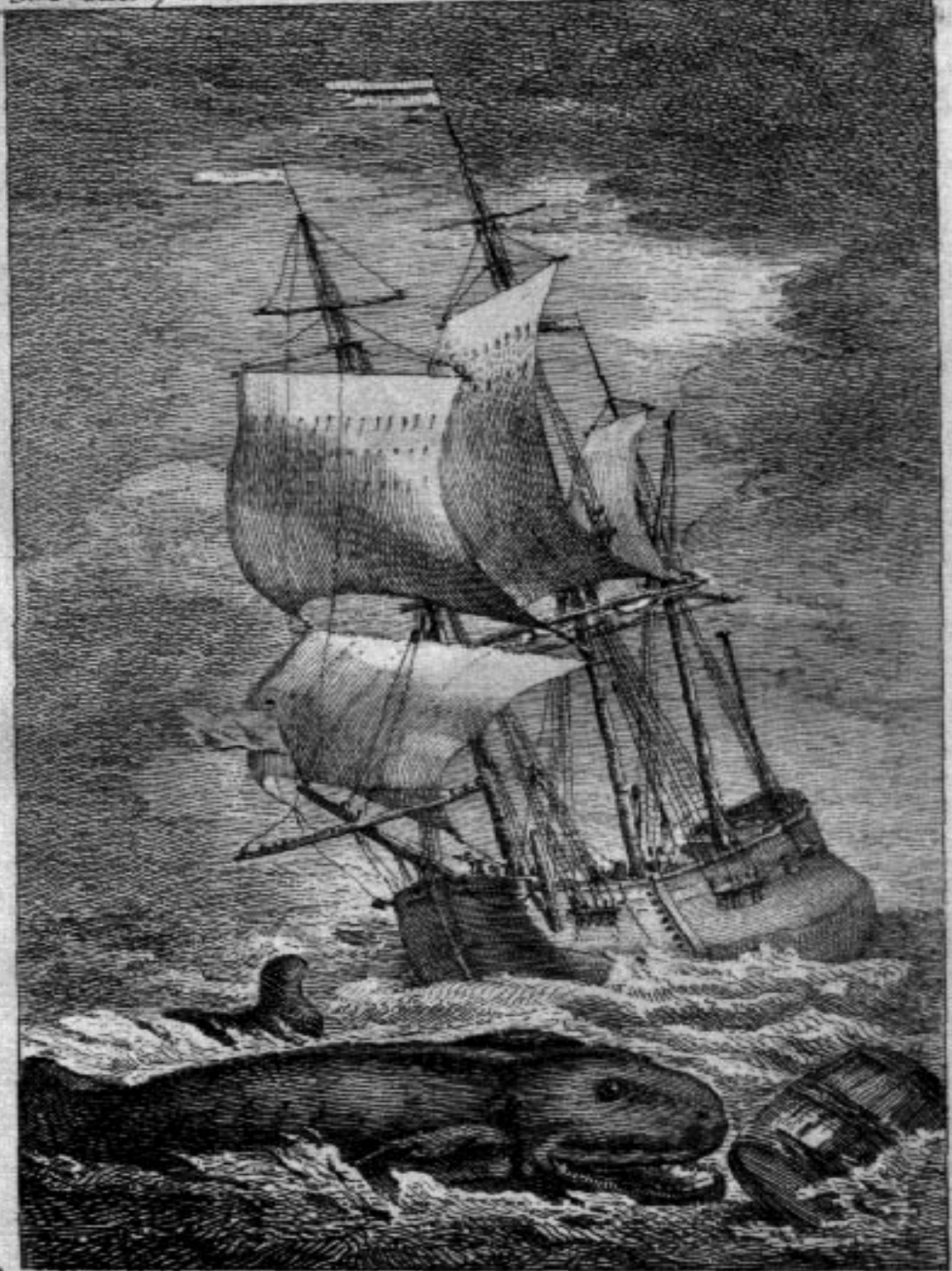
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P R E F A C E.

**T**HE Works of Dr. Jonathan Swift were written and published at very distant periods of his life, and had passed through many editions before they were collected into volumes, or distinguished from the productions of contemporary wits, with whom he was known to associate.

The Tale of a Tub, the Battle of the Books, and the Fragment were first published together in 1704, and the apology, and the notes from Wotton were added in 1710; this edition the Dean revised a short time before his understanding was impaired, and his corrections \* will be found in this impression.

Gulliver's Travels were first printed in the year 1726, with some alterations which had been made by the person through whose hands they were conveyed to the press, but the original passages were restored to the subsequent editions †.

\* The corrected Copy is now in the hands of Mr. Dean Swift. † See the letter to Sympsom and note, Vol. II.

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Reverend *Jonathan Swift*, D. D.

Dean of St. *Patrick's*, *Dublin*.

**T**O gratify that curiosity which great eminence always excites, many accounts have been published of the life of Dr. *Jonathan Swift*. These have mutually reflected light upon each other, ascertained controverted facts, and rectified mistakes, which, if they had still been traditional and oral, would still have been believed. Several little incidents, which shewed the peculiarities of his conversation and domestic life, were related by Mrs. *Pilkington* in her memoirs; though these could be believed only in proportion as they verified themselves. Lord *Orrery's Letters* contained many of the principal events, intermingled with many characteristic incidents supported in general upon better authority; but sometimes founded upon false information. Some of these mistakes were detected by a Volume of Letters signed *J. R.* in which were also some new materials; and the account since published by Mr. *Swift*, with an imperfect sketch by the Dean himself, has furnished yet more. From a comparison of all these with each other this account is compiled. It is not thought necessary to relate every trifling particular that has been recorded, but only to select such as will sufficiently distinguish the peculiarities of his character and manners, and