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[i] curo-Gassendo-Charltoniana, [i] will not serve to maintain one Pedant. He makes his Hypo- theses himself, as a Taylor does a Doublet with- out Measure, no Matter whether they sit [i] Na- ture, [i] he can make [i] Nature [i] fit them, and, whe- ther they are too strait or wide, pinch or fluff out the Body accordingly. He judges fo the Works of [i] Nature [i] just as the Rabble do of State-Affairs: They see things done, and every Man according to his Capacity guesses as the Reasons of them, but knowing nothing of the Arena or secret Movements of either, they seldom or never are in the Right; howsoever they please themselves, and some others, with their Fancies, and the further they are off Truth, the more confident they are the are near it; as those, that are out of their Way, believe, the further they have gone, they are the nearer their Journey's End, when they are furthest of all from it. He is confident of im- material Substances, and his Reasons are very pertinent, that is, [i] substantial [i] as he thinks, and [i] immaterial [i] as others do. Heretofore his Beard/ was the Badge of his Profess*ion, and the Length ---Footnote Vol. II. #K
