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History of the Island of St. Domingo, from its first discovery by Columbus to the present period.
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vi-viii “CONTENTS.”; Rectos: pp. 3 “THE BEAUTY OF THE ISLAND.” pp.5 “RIVERS
AND MINES.” pp.7 “CHARACTER OF THE INHABITANTS.” etc. Versos: pp. 2-30
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this the first American edition. Additionally, Sabin notes “the authorship has been attributed to
Sir James Basket.”