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**The Life & Death**  
**Of the Most Reverend and Learned Father of our Church Dr James Usher,**  
**Late Arch-Bishop of Armagh, and Primate of all Ireland.**  
**By Nicholas Bernard**  
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(p. 85) ...

His expences were much in Books, while he enjoyed the means of his Arch-Bishoprick: a certain summe every year he laid aside for that end, but especially in the getting of Manuscripts and Rarities, as well from remote parts of the world, as near at hand. He was the first that procured the Samaritan Bible, (which is only the Pentateuch) to the view of these Western parts (as Mr. Selden acknowledgeth) It was sent him from Syria by way of Aleppo, anno 1625. He had four sent him by a (p. 86) Factor he employed for the search of that nature, and were thought to be all that could be had there: He gave one to the Library of Oxford, a second to Leydon, (for which Ludovicus de Dieu gives him publick thanks in a Book dedicated to him) a third to Sir Robert Cottons Libraryl and the fourth (having as I take it, compared it with the other) he kept himself. The Old Testament in Syriack, a rarity also in these parts, was sent to him from thence not long after.

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