CHALMERS, GEORGE, a miscellaneous writer, born in Scotland 1742. He went when young to North America, but on the breaking out of the revolutionary war returned to Britain and settled in London, where he obtained a situation in the office of the Board of Trade, which he retained till his death on 31 May, 1825. Mr. Chalmers was a fellow of the Royal Society, and of that of Antiquaries. To the latter he contributed much assistance from his researches into the literature of old times. When, however, Ireland fabricated the Shakspere papers, Chalmers unfortunately became a dupe to the imposture, and even to the last apologized for his credulity. His principal works are, 'Political Annals of the United Colonies;' Estimate of the Strength of Great Britain during the present and four preceding Reigns; 'Opinions on subjects of Public Law and Commercial Policy connected with American Independence;' 'Life of Daniel De Foe;' 'Life of Thomas Ruddiman;' 'Apology for the Believers in the Shakspere Papers;' 'Caledonia, or an Account, Historical and Geographical, of North Britain;' 'Chronological Account of Commerce and Coinage in Great Britain;' and 'Life of Mary Queen of Scots.' He also edited the works of Sir David Lyndesay, and other old authors

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