

him, during the Perusal of this Treatise, the Remembrance that it was wrote before the unfortunate War between this Country and her Colonies had broke out:—and also, that at that Time there was not the least Ray of those approaching Lights of Reason and Humanity, which have since, with so much Splendor, burst forth amongst some of the Princes of the Roman Catholick Persuasion—so highly conducive to the Advantage of their Dominions — to the Happiness of their Subjects — and so much to the Honour of Human Nature.

THIS must apologize for any Strictures with regard to Popery, which may appear too severe to some Persons; as at that Time, with the Recollection of the Cruelties planned and executed by Papists; with the Histories of SIRVEN and CALAS fresh in the Memory; with Ideas of that diabolical Office of the Inquisition, no Man possessed of the least Share of Humanity, could write on such a Subject, without Expressions of Reprobation and Abhorrence; and without
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