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Canada fully captivated our author, prejudiced him in their favour, and alienated his mind, though unjustly, from the *English*. I have therefore now and then, in remarks, been obliged to do the *English* justice, especially when I saw the author carried away either by prejudice, misinformation, or ignorance. He passed almost all the winter, between 1748 and 1749, at *Raccoon*, and conversed there with his countrymen; when he came to *Philadelphia* he likewise was in the company of the *Swedes* settled there: these, no doubt, furnished him with many partial and disingenuous accounts of the *English*, and gave his mind that unfavourable bias which he so often displays in prejudice of a nation, now at the head of the enlightened world, in regard to every religious, moral, and social virtue. The author frequently seems to throw an illiberal reflection on the first proprietors of *Pensylvania*, and the quakers; though they got that province not by force, but by a charter from the *English* government, to whom the *Swedes* gave it up by virtue of a public treaty. Prompted by such false
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