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ment of that posterity I shall coolly resign  
you—content if I have sounded the alarm,  
and exerted my feeble efforts to awake my  
sleeping countrymen, at an æra, from which  
historians yet unborn, will date the downfall  
of the British Empire.

I have the honour to be,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's,

&c. &c. &c.

P O R T I U S.

*February 5, 1783.*