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IT may seem a matter of surprize, that we have not cultivated the friendship of the Indians with more care and assiduity; undoubtedly, justice, honour, and self-interest demand it; but great allowances must be made to those who are strangers to the tempers, manners; and circumstances of this people, should they not succeed altogether in acquiring their good opinion. To treat Indians with propriety and address, is perhaps of all tasks the most difficult: to sooth them when they are angry, to keep them in temper when they are so, requires a long acquaintance with their singularities, and study of their disposition; it is like-
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