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Thus, my Lord, I have finished the relation of what has hitherto been transacted in America. I have not only presented you with a series of the most interesting events, but brought your Lordship acquainted with the characters and designs of the principal agents in our political affairs: If I have erred, I am persuaded it is not in any article of importance, nor purposely in the minutest. --- Every line of this letter hath been penned with the most sacred veneration for truth, and a mind equally unbiassed by resentment or affection. --- For obtaining an intimate acquaintance with the matters rehearsed, few in the colonies have had superior advantages : nor in collecting proper materials, has any one been more assiduous. Add to this, that I had no other interest in the public measures, than the interest of every man on the continent. I am unconnected with all parties ; neither enjoying any post myself, nor standing in the least relation to a single officer in the army. The love of my country was the sole spring of my curiosity ; and so far, indeed, I was not an unconcerned spectator of the public transactions. If I have made honourable men-
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