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To this enlarged and corrected Edition of the History of the West Indies, it was the intention of the Author to prefix a Preface, touching every source of additional intelligence, every rectification of error, and the general completion of his views, in furnishing every document of commerce, of policy, and of natural history, as connected with the countries and the people he describes. He had carefully revised and corrected the text of his Book, preparatory to such essay, developing the scheme of its construction, and the philosophy of its contents. But death interrupted the design:—and ere the last sheet was revised from the press—BRYAN EDWARDS was no more! He had long suffered from the disorder which brought him to the

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