

who can best explain his own views, and which, without the parade of Authorism, are most fairly explained in those private sentiments: Yet, I doubt whether it may not be necessary to say that, though he here appears as an abstracted Philosopher, yet he was not unpracticed in the business of Government, nor uninformed by experience in a knowledge of the nature of the European Settlements in America. His life was a compound of business and frivolity *abroad*: He was a Philosopher *at home*; and always, what may be very properly expressed, *very much at home*. He was conscious that he thought very differently from the generality of mankind on those subjects; and used while in Europe frequently to lament how little he was understood on the subject matter of this business. In a letter dated from the same place, in *March* 1779, he says, “ When I look back, and compare my
“ opinions with events which seem to have
“ confirmed them, and yet see how little
“ effect these opinions have had, even when
“ called for, and when duly explained, by
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