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TO THE

KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

SIRE,

IN placing before YOUR MAJESTY the present Edition of my Work on the Colonies, I avail myself of the opportunity to express my deep sense of gratitude for the patronage which YOUR MAJESTY was graciously pleased to bestow, in permitting me the distinguished honour of dedicating the first History of the British Colonies to the Sovereign of the greatest Colonial Empire in the World ; and for the favour with which YOUR MAJESTY, and every branch of the Royal Family, have uniformly regarded efforts, which had for their sole object the promotion of the public good.

Conceiving, SIRE, that my duty towards YOUR MAJESTY may be most gratefully manifested by a perseverance in my efforts to awaken the attention of the public to the importance of our Colonial Possessions, I have prepared the present Edition,