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story of my adventures in America, allowed that I had a claim on government, I determined to make it. I therefore drew up a memorial to his Majesty, setting forth, that my grandfather, my father, and myself had all been captains in the 17th regiment of foot, and my uncle Lieutenant Colonel to that regiment, &c. To this I annexed the following Journal. But having in vain sought a mediator between Majesty and me, I dropt all thoughts of the memorial. It happened soon after that I entreated a respectable gentleman of my acquaintance, a man of letters in whose judgment I place implicit faith, to criticise my translation of Racine's Phædra. This he very kindly undertook, and even spoke to Mr. Harris concerning it, who, with great politeness, offered me his theatre, if a principal performer, whom he named, would undertake the chief character. I read the play to that performer; but the length of some of the speeches, though shortened as far as my