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their sentiments, his subject becomes highly interesting.

It is upon this principle that the present work lays claim to the patronage of the public, wherein every event is faithfully recorded, the motives and secret springs which led to this unhappy contest, are placed in the truest and most impartial light, the various forms and modes of local legislation, peculiar to the different provinces, are clearly delineated, a distinct account of the colonization of America in general, wherein every matter of importance that has happened since its first discovery, is plainly pointed to the view of the reader: in short, the Editor hopes he may say, without the imputation of vanity, that this work will prove friendly to constitutional liberty, lead the mind to form just notions of legislation and government, and prove worthy of the acceptance of the public.

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