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and is totally altered to view in this Map, and to read in this analysis what it was in its natural state, and how the settlements began to expand, and had extended themselves in twenty years.

This Map, soon after it came to England, was, in a most audacious manner, pirated by the late THOMAS JEFFERY'S, under a false pretence of improvements. He was so totally ignorant of the principles on which the original was formed, that although he traced the line of the roads and rivers in the usual way, yet it can scarce be called a copy. The mountains in America, which give the real features to the face of it, run in ridges of a specific direction—do in places here and there run up into peaks—do in others end abruptly in knobbs and bluff points—do interlock and have gaps—all which particulars are in the original Map, with a careful and scrupulous attention plotted and marked down; as also where these ridges spread into hilly land. The geographer, or the officer, will look in vain for this precision in the pirated copy. The blundering copyist thought, that the filling the places, where mountains were said to be, with the Engraver's common marks scratched in at random, was sufficient. In some parts, where the writing directed his tool, he has followed the ridges, but *sans savoir*; and even there he knew not how to mark their specific range. So far as respects the face of the country, this thing of JEFFERY'S might as well be a Map of the face of the moon. Further, in the original there was observed a punctilious caution not to deceive; the parts which are drawn from report and computation, and collected from Journals, are in the original, and in this our Map engraved in a slighter manner, and very differently, from those parts which are laid down from actual surveys: neither the eye, nor the ideas, nor the scrupulous spirit of the copyist, went to the marking this; and all parts stand equal in authority in his pirated map.

The plate of this blundering copy has, in the course of trade, by purchase, fallen into the hands of Mr. SAYER, of *Fleet-street*, a man of reputation, in a very extensive line of business. He very honourably told me, That if the plate stood as a single article in his shop, he would destroy it directly; but that it made part of an Atlas already published by him, and was also part of another very soon to be published by him, which had cost many thousand pounds; that he did not know how to take it out of these collections: I can only say, it will disgrace any collection in which it stands, and that I am sorry it is to disgrace any, coming from a shop in which there are so many valuable collections of Maps and Charts.

Albemarle-street, Nov. 22, 1775."

Neither this improved Map, nor Analysis, are published with any view of profit to the Editor; if any should accrue, it will be given to Mr. EVANS'S daughter and her children.