

any soil where your ideas could suggest a return of glory, in that season, my Lord, it is no wonder that the low and still voice of jurisprudence was never heard ; but, at length, is the time come when a system of government is to be formed for that extensive country, differing from our own in her religion, her laws, her habits, and her customs. Had the question once occurred to your Lordship how that ought to be done, the possession of Canada might not perhaps have been the first object of your care in preference to Guadaloupe, Martinique, and the other rich islands which were restored to the French and Spaniards in the West Indies. But it does not appear that the civil establishment of Canada had ever a place in your thoughts ; because, after thirteen years possession of the country, your mind was so entirely vacant on this subject, that I don't find your Lordship proposed one idea of your own, either for the framing of
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