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## P R E F A C E.

THE following memorials were drawn up solely for the King's use, and designed solely for his eye. They must of course, containing matter of administration, be first communicated to his Majesty's Ministers. They were accordingly \* communicated in the draught: and † afterward put into the hands of his Majesty's Secretary of State, appointed to the American department, that they might be communicated to his Majesty, with a most humble request from the Memorialist, either of permission to lay them in person at his Majesty's feet, being ready to answer any questions which might arise upon them; to give any explanations which might be required; to state, to the best of his judgment, *the line in which negotiation might train*, if such was found advisable;

\* Dec. 25, 1781.

† Jan. 18, 1782.