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**T**HE treaty of peace, concluded at Paris the 10th of February, 1763, between the kings of Great Britain, France, and Spain, placed the crown of England in the possession of an extent of dominion, unknown to any former period of our history.

THIS increase of Empire has opened a field for transactions under our government, equally new and important; and some events have taken place within the limits of the British empire, since the last war, not  
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very common in the history of the world.

SOME of those transactions appear to be of a nature that will draw after them consequences greatly to the prejudice of the government and people of England, if not prevented by suitable remedies. And as the knowledge of the disease ever seems necessary to the cure, the design of this work is to give a short state of the evidence, by which these transactions have disclosed themselves to our view. At present they lie hid in volumes of so great a size, that one may reasonably conclude,  
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it is but a small part of the public who have examined them in such a manner, as to draw just and satisfactory conclusions from them.

I HAVE long wished to see such a state of these transactions, as would answer this purpose; and it is in consequence of nothing of this kind appearing from any other hand, that I have ventured to attempt it. And after the reader has seen the facts, with the authorities on which they are related, he will use the liberty which he has a right to use, both in the credit he chooses to allow to the evidence itself,

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and then in drawing his own conclusions: my design being only to give a short state of some transactions, which have taken place under our government since the late war, and to endeavour to place them in, what appears to me, their true light. And if what I have done should only prove an introduction to such an investigation, as may make them rightly understood, and lead to the remedies that may prevent the consequences which I have thought would flow from them, then I shall consider my labour well bestowed. But if the evidence I have taken  
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taken to be true, is ill founded, or any thing I have said unjust, then I would wish it all to go for nothing. But I have here presented nothing to the reader, but what I believe to be true; and the evidence of the transactions I have related, is the best I could meet with; and I am not conscious of representing any thing with a view to injure any man; and if I should offend I can at least say it was not my design. I have related these transactions, wherever I could, in the very words of those who had the greatest share in their execution. And if any gentleman