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I was appointed by act of Parliament in 1773 to a place in the Supreme Government of India, when there had been no example of so ^{high} an executive Station given in that Form.

My conduct, in the execution of that Trust, received the constant Approbation of all the constituted Authorities, at home, by whom it was examined, viz. of Government

of various committees of the House of Commons, and

especially of the Court of Directors.

I sat in Parliament for many Years at a very ^{heavy} expence, and acted on the same principles

On the death of Lord Cornwallis, my rightor claim to succeed him, tho' supported by His Royal Highness, was

was superseded by the Coalition in 1806.

That H. R. Hs had always designed me, and particularly to Mr. Fox, as the person, whom he meant to appoint to the Office of Governor General, and that he had signified the same expressly to Lord Moira, who heartily concurred in it

That, on my declining the Government of the Cape, offered to me with the Order of the Bath and the Rank of Privy Councillor, I submitted to H. R. H. a plan of Accommodation, which he was pleased to say was very moderate. The only Objection made to it, as far as I know, was by

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by Mr. Fox, who said there was no Place vacant; to which I answered that I accepted the Honours, and was ready to wait their Convenience for the place, and on this footing the Contract with me was agreed to but never executed

that I now made no Claim to Place or Profit and desired only a Mark of Honour from his Royal Highness's own hand.

For Philip's Francis
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