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## C O N C L U S I O N .

**I** Presume not to think that I have exhausted the topics I treat in this volume. For, what subject does not stretch to infinity? But it has been my particular care to go back to the sources, and to express the beginnings of law, government, and manners; and I have been solicitous to open up, with a due advantage, the original ideas, which I have ventured to strike out, and which, perchance, may attract the notice of the ingenious and the learned. Yet, when I consider what many great men have written before me concerning human affairs, I know not, whether it ought to flatter my pride, or to fill me with shame, that I, too, have yielded to my reflections and my sentiments; and, though in the obscurity of a private station, and in the fervour of youth, have presented to my fellow-citizens this aspiring fruit of my studies and ambition.

A P P E N D I X .

