TO THE
QUEEN.

MADAM,

As these Volumes contain an Essay towards the Natural History of that Part of Your Majesty's Dominions, which is particularly honoured by bearing Your August Name CAROLINA, this and Your great Goodness in encouraging all Sorts of Learning, have embolden'd me to implore Your Royal Protection and Favour to my slender Performance. I hope Your Majesty will not think a few Minutes disagreeably spent, in calling an Eye on these Leaves; which exhibit no contemptible Scene of the Glorious Works of the Creator, displayed in the New World; and hitherto lain concealed from the View of Your Majesty as well as of Your Royal Predecessors, tho' so long possessed of a Country, inferior to none of Your Majesty's American Dominions

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