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to have a most undeniable claim to go before the public in a permanent form as an associate with the decisions of that Chancellor whose constitutional securities had been so severely questioned.

The discharge of my official duties has heretofore left me so little time to turn my attention to any thing else, that the preparation of this first volume of Reports has been much longer delayed than I had calculated upon. It is now however submitted to the candour of a generous and enlightened profession.

THEODORICK BLAND.

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