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Preface

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY British history has been noted traditionally for the vigour, not to say acrimony, with which controversies have been conducted. It is therefore a particular pleasure to record that this volume was produced without any disagreement. Differing views are presented, as is only healthy, and the following chapters provide evidence for the very vigorous nature of current historical scholarship for this period. Despite considerable effort, it was unfortunately impossible to fulfil earlier plans for chapters on social and religious developments. I should like to thank the other contributors for their invaluable advice and assistance, and Sarah Mahaffy and Vanessa Peerless of Macmillan for their patient help. Finally, I should like to thank my wife for all her support.

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