



The “Massacres à Bourdeaux”, possible cause of the late eviction of the “Servitude volontaire” from Montaigne’s *Essays*

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