

stination was in Europe. But when it was found that the hereditary prince was prevented from executing his expedition, it might possibly be thought better to lay aside the naval armament till the spring, and then to send it against Martinico.

I come now to mention an event, which filled the nation with grief. His most sacred majesty George II. died on the 25th of october, at his palace at Kensington, in a very sudden manner; his death being occasioned by the bursting of the right ventricle of his heart. He finished a long and happy reign, in the midst of a period which abounded with great events. It is needless to say, that he was a good, a brave, a just, and a virtuous king; his many good qualities adorned the throne on which he sat so long, and which he left at a time so glorious for himself and his subjects. These particulars are too deeply imprinted on the hearts of a grateful people to require an Eulogy. He departed this life in the 77th year of his age, and the 34th of his reign. He was succeeded in the imperial crown of these kingdoms by his grandson, George prince of Wales, our present most gracious sovereign, who was immediately proclaimed with the usual ceremony, under the title of George III. All the lords and others of the late king's privy council were sworn of his majesty's privy council, who was pleased on the first day of his accession to make the following declaration to them.

“ The loss that I and the nation have sustained by the death of the king, my grand-father, would have been severely felt at any time, but coming at so critical a juncture, and so unexpected, it is by many circumstances, augmented; and the weight now falling upon me much increased; I feel my own insufficiency to support it as I wish; but animated by the tenderest affection for this my native country, and