

dently depended upon the support of every honest man. I enter, exclaimed this virtuous Prince, with cheerfulness, into this arduous situation, and shall make it the business of my life to promote, in every thing, the glory and happiness of these kingdoms, and to strengthen the constitution in both church and state.

These manly sentiments which have been nobly maintained, increased the satisfaction of the people. They were delighted to behold an Englishman on the throne inspired with principles so generous, and who had nothing of that fatal predilection for Germany, which had proved, during the two former reigns, so injurious to the peace and prosperity of Great Britain. Nor were the people left to conjecture with regard to the sincerity of his attachment, for he boasted to his first Parliament, with an energy that penetrated every heart, that he gloried in the name of Briton, and that the peculiar happiness of his life would consist in promoting the welfare of a people whose loyalty and warm affection he justly considered as the greatest and most permanent security of his throne. In order to give new force and permanence to that ardent gratitude and affection which warms your bosoms towards the best of sovereigns, I have only to recal, to your recollection, the principal events of his life, devoted as it has been to promote the welfare and happiness of his people, by strengthening and extending our excellent constitution—by maintaining, with the strictest integrity, the civil and religious rights of all his subjects, and by encouraging and promoting the practice of true