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In the first part of this melancholy, though necessary comparison, we need not go far back. Our fathers lived in happy days indeed! Every Englishman's heart must beat high, when, forgetful of the calamities in which his country is at present involved, he recollects what she was in the reign of his Majesty's illustrious grandfather George the Second. This prince, though \* not born in this country, was educated in those principles by which the nation rose to power, and happiness, and gloried in being the king of a free people. He carried the power and the commerce of the nation to a degree, to which they had never till then

attained.

<sup>\*</sup> In his present Majesty's first speech to Parliament, upon his accession to the crown, he made use of these expressions, "Born and educated in the country, I "glory in the name of Briton."