

be matured and developed, and almost before any one of his wise and salutary measures could be carried into effect.

I shall now suggest a few reflections, which naturally occur from the consideration of this affecting event :

I. We may remark the excellence of the British constitution, by which such exalted characters are formed, and brought to maturity.

Whatever there be of natural talent, or genius, or innate capacity for excellence, dignity, and sublimity, if it is not trained by discipline, and called forth by opportunity, it will lie for ever dormant in the breast, and the world will have no knowledge of it, and will derive no benefit from it. Circumstances form the character. The acorn, which planted in a congenial soil, will take deep root, and grow up a lofty and a spreading oak, bidding defiance to the tempest, and standing for cen-