

A DISCOURSE.

THE accession of his present Majesty to the throne was attended with many pleasing anticipations. He was the first prince of the illustrious house of Brunswick born and educated in England. To him our language, our manners and customs, our laws and constitution, were early familiar, and it was reasonably supposed that he would be more attached to his native country than to his electoral dominions. It must not be concealed that although the British nation secured the most inestimable advantages by calling the elector of Hanover to the throne, some very considerable inconveniences resulted from that happy arrangement. George the First was a foreigner, unacquainted with the genius of his new subjects, and too far advanced in life ever to become well acquainted with their true interests. His advancement to the sovereignty of the British empire appeared somewhat precarious, and it was therefore natural for him to retain his predilection for his hereditary dominions. In the double capacity of elector of Hanover and king of Great Britain, he frequently found himself very awkwardly situated, and unable to act in such a manner as to please both his British and German subjects. His