

of this manœuvre is played off by the British Minister at Copenhagen, who menaces the Court of Denmark with hostilities if she assists Russia, as she is bound to do by treaties.—The war begins : it were needless to go into the detail of it. The commonest observer is in possession of the principal events in the naval campaigns of the King of Sweden ; of the various proofs of his undaunted resolution ; of his alternate misfortunes and success ; until a courage, rash and desperate, as it has been deemed, but rash and desperate alone in trusting to the promises of the British Minister, involved him in a situation of extreme personal peril, from which nothing but a Providence, as wonderful as his genius, could have saved him. In that fearful moment, he cast a long look for the succours which had been promised him, to whet the ardour of his enterprise, and to tempt his hopes of revenge as well as glory. Not a frigate did we arm in his cause ! Thus deserted on all sides, and left to the resources of his own mind alone, he put his fate to the hazard of one bold exertion, and opened a way through his enemies to his capital, where he arrived with scarcely any thing left him but his sword.

That great monarch is not silent as to the cause of his misfortunes. He makes no scruple to