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WHO FLOURISHED IN

THE TIME OF GEORGE III.

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# STATESMEN

OF

## THE TIME OF GEORGE III.

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### INTRODUCTION TO VOLUME SECOND.

**THERE** remains little addition necessary to the general Introduction in the first volume of the Statesmen. One or two particulars only require notice.

The circumstances connected with the marriage of George IV. and Mrs. Fitzherbert are referred to in this volume, but not in detail. Since that account was first published in 1839, the information of the Rev. S. Johnes, who was acquainted with all the particulars, has been received, and it fully confirms the opinion there cited, of the ceremony having been performed at the house of her uncle, Mr. Errington. Such, indeed, was the belief entertained by the Queen's Counsel in 1820, when some discussion arose practically upon the subject. Mr. Johnes had promised the Prince to officiate; but in the course of the same evening, when he returned home, he recollected a prior promise which he had made to Admiral Payne, who, knowing that the Prince looked to Mr. Johnes, had made him promise he would not. Next morning he went to Carlton House, and stated his refusal in consequence of that promise. He never was forgiven by the Prince. The prevailing belief of his having performed the ceremony arises from this circumstance:

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