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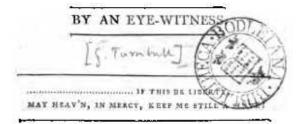
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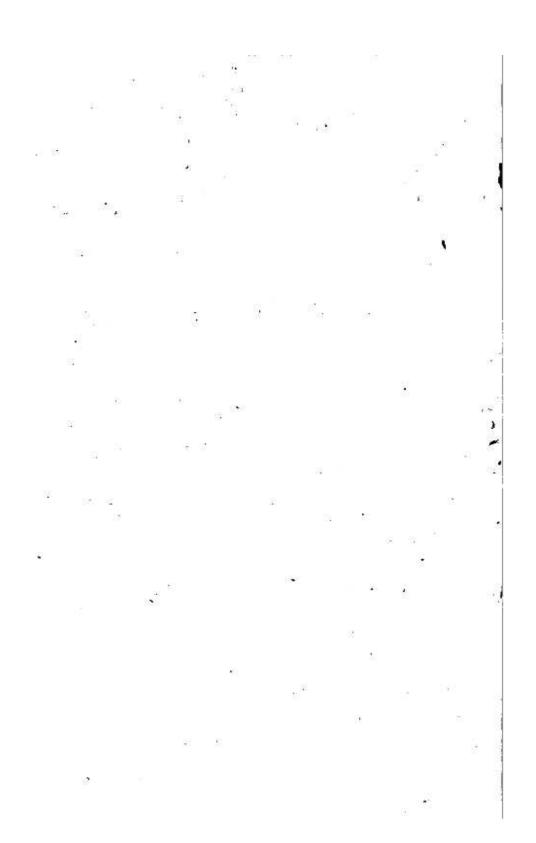
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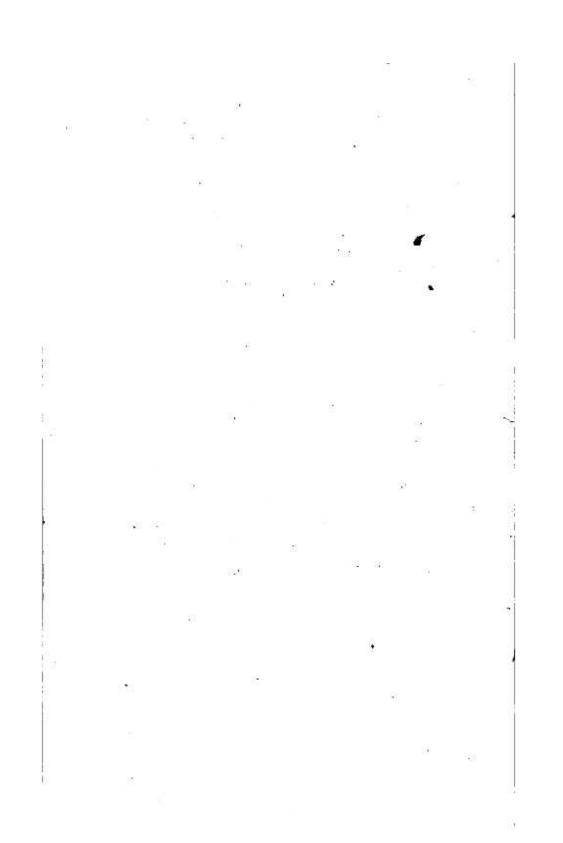


DEDICATION,

TO the Friends and Relatives of the British Inhabitants of GRE-NADA, who perished in the horrid and unnatural Rebellion in that Island, the following Narrative is respectfully dedicated by

THE AUTHOR.

edinburgh, } 9th Nov. 1795.



REVOLT IN GRENADA.

INTRODUCTION.

A PAMPHLET has been published in Grenada, entitled, " A Review of the Events which have happened in that Island to the 1st day of May last." is evidently the production of a fenfible and humane writer; but, befides its being in few hands in this country, it has been thought in some particulars very defective, and in others, perhaps, unnecessarily diffuse. The author of the following fumple Narrative, will not prefume to fay that it is altogether free from the first objection; but he has endeavoured to avoid the last, by frequently leaving it to the reader to make fuch comments, or to deduce fuch inferences, as might be supposed to arise naturally

naturally out of the relation of the facts themselves. These are all such as either fell within his own knowledge, or such as are given to the public on the testimony of others, who were also present on the spot, and had the best opportunities of gaining the most authentic and clearest information. Besides the obligations he owes to these friends, he has to acknowledge, that several of the letters and other documents which were thought necessary to elucidate the Narrative, and therefore added in an Appendix, are taken from the pamphlet above mentioned.

The author is not without some apprehensions, that by endeavouring to avoid the charge of prolixity, he may have run into another error, the want of sufficient perspicuity; but he found that he was quite unequal to the task of giving a minute detail of military operations, his profession not being that of arms; and neither his leisure nor his abilities would serve him to do justice to the zeal, activity and gallant conduct of many individuals, both in the regular troops and militia,

militia, who highly diftinguished themfelves on several occasions, and especially in some skirmishes with the enemy, the particular circumstances of which it was impossible for him to be fully acquainted with.

Some of the dreadful events which are recorded in the following pages, will probably be torturing to humanity. From fuch flocking fcenes, which appear to the writer, on looking back, like a tumultuous and frightful dream, the mind turns for relief to the most disastrous revolutions in Europe, occasioned by the same malignant fpirit of Anarchy! The troubles in Grenada, in confequence of its capture in the last war, when considered comparatively with the horrid enormities and deliberate murders which have been committed by the barbarous infurgents in that island, were mildness, gentleness, and peace! But the dire effects of a system to remove all distinctions, and to break all ties human and divine, have not been confined to this once flourishing and valuable colony. In St Vincent, the Carraibs