The news came to another event in our public life, which was of far greater moment to the country, and which was the occasion of the most exciting scenes of the period. I refer to the death of Mr. Pitt, the great statesman, who had for many years been the leader of the country, and whose loss was deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His death wassignalized by a universal expression of regret and sorrow, and his memory will ever be preserved as one of the most illustrious in the annals of the nation.