

ican navy over the British flag had been attributable, not to the inequality of force, but to the misconduct and pusillanimity of our sailors. (Hear, Hear.) What! he would ask, was the crew of the Java dispirited when she was taken? (Hear.) When the Macedonian was taken, was her crew sunk in apathy and broken hearted? (Hear, hear.) So far from this being the case, he could state from his own knowledge, that in the latter part of the actions in which these vessels were engaged, and in which they fought with so much honor to themselves, and so much glory to the British name, when almost all hopes had failed, their spirit and valor still remained unsubdued; and instead, as the noble lord would have the house to believe, of sinking amidst the weight of their misfortunes, they cheered each other, with reiterated shouts of encouragement; and those cheers invariably commenced amongst the wounded in the cockpit! Did this, he would demand of the noble lord, shew any thing like a crew disheartened? Did this shew a British sailor to be aught but what he had ever proved himself to be? Did this tend to tarnish or to diminish the lustre which had ever attended the career of the British navy. (Hear, hear.) With these facts before the house and the country, was he not authorized to call upon the noble lord to state, how he could presume to ask the house to vote for his resolution? Another fact he could state, which he supposed the noble lord would construe into a new proof of the apathetical and disheartened state of our sailors. That to which he alluded, was the conduct of John Humble, the boatswain of the Java, who it would be seen on his examination before a court martial, amongst other facts, stated, that having had his arm carried away, he went below to the surgeon, and, having had the stump "put to rights," as he termed it, by having the tourniquet applied to it, returned to the deck and cheered the boarders with his pipe.—(Hear, hear.) Was this a proof of any diminution of British valor, or of a falling off in the character and spirit of those brave men, who, until libelled and blown upon by the noble lord, had stood above the most distant imputation of misconduct? In the same degree as this part of the resolution of the noble lord was incorrect,