

The first act which served to draw the public attention towards him was the circumstance of his taking umbrage at some part of the conduct of Captain Vancouver, of the *Discovery*, which ship he quitted in the India seas, and entered on board the *Resistance*, Captain Sir Edward Pakenham, where his Lordship was appointed Lieutenant, and paid the strictest attention to his professional duties. On his return to this country, in October, 1796, his Lordship challenged Captain Vancouver for alledged ill treatment in the South Seas when under his command. The Captain, in reply, asserted, that his Lordship brought this disagreeable circumstance on himself by his own ill behaviour, and that what he did was necessary for the preservation of discipline. Under this conviction the Captain offered to submit the whole affair to the opinion and judgment of any one Flag Officer, and if he should think the Captain was liable, by the laws of honour, to be called upon, he would chearfully give him satisfaction ; but as fighting was more agreeable to his Lordship than expostulation, this mode of settling the dispute was declined, and threatened personally to insult the Captain : nor was he long deliberating, for seeing the Captain walking up Bond-street he attempted to strike him, and was only prevented by the interference of Captain Vancouver's brother warding off the blows. This affair was afterwards left to legal jurisdiction to settle.

The next affair of consequence was, the circumstance of his shooting Lieutenant Peterson, in English Harbour, Antigua, a measure which has been the subject of much conversation, and gave rise to a variety of disputes, the particulars of which are amply detailed in the subsequent statement, dated Antigua—" Lieutenant Peterson of his Majesty's ship *Pedrix*, has been lately shot by Lord Camelford, the circumstances of this new catastrophe in the naval annals of this country are as follows :—