

acted under a false impression he would be satisfied if his Lordship would retract the expressions he had used. This Lord Camelford refused to do.

Mr. B. left the Coffee-House much agitated; and shortly after a note was delivered to his Lordship, which the people of the House suspected to contain a challenge. With a truly laudable anxiety they accordingly gave notice to the Bow-street Office, from whence several Officers were immediately dispatched. Before their arrival, however, his Lordship had gone away. The Officers then stationed themselves before his lodgings in Bond-street, and Mr. B.'s house in Wimpole-street, where they waited all night, without success, as neither of the parties returned home, nor was any thing further heard until a quarter before eight the next morning.

Meanwhile, his Lordship and Mr. B. met in the morning at a Coffee-House in Oxford-street, agreeable to the appointment which their Seconds had made; and here again Mr. B. made an effort to prevail on his Lordship to retract the epithets he had used. He went up to him, and said, "Camelford, we have been friends, and I know the unsuspecting generosity of your nature. Upon my honour you have been imposed upon by a strumpet. Do not insist in expressions under which one of us must fall." Lord Camelford answered, "B. this is child's play, the thing must go on." And yet we can state, from undoubted authority, that the Noble Lord, reflecting on the whole matter, had in his heart acquitted B. and had confidentially stated to his second that he knew he was in the wrong; that B. was a man of honour—but that he could not bring himself to retract words which he had once used. He afterwards said,—“Feeling that I am in the wrong, I shall not fire at B.” No remonstrance, however, could prevail on him to retract his words. An inveterate adherence to false punctilio made him resolute in error, and the duel unhappily took place.

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