

still more affirmatively, “that he fought, met, attacked, and beat the enemy?” Now, could the French come to Gibraltar without their fleet? Or was a beaten fleet in condition to engage him there? What had he then to cover? Not Gibraltar, surely.

There is a thread of sophistry which runs through the whole of this pamphlet, but so flimsily spun, that it becomes a mere cobweb: and, to use any further effort, either in untwisting or breaking it, would be lamentable waste, gentlemen, both of your time and mine. The visible drift of all this silly artifice, is to divert the attention of the public from one important object, and to fix it on others; which, whether true or false, proved or disproved, will not have the smallest influence on Mr. Byng's acquittal or condemnation. I am, with real truth and esteem,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most humble servant.