

ver—the horror and apprehension of which alone, could save it—Sir, the Commander-in-Chief, relied implicitly on the statement of Sir Thomas Trigge, and neglected altogether the opposite one, made by Captain Dodd, to the Governor, the accuracy of which has been every way established since—but, the most melancholy and injurious proof, is, in the return of dead lists, to be seen at the Commander-in-Chief's office—a fool is always prejudiced, but a wise man will weigh authority against authority, and whatever was suggested by such an officer as Captain Dodd, should have been attended to. I believe that his recommendation was ultimately followed, when, the victorious and sapient commander may disclose.

I cannot avoid touching upon the present state of Gibraltar, first, as applied to the Lieutenant-Governor, in a military, and secondly, in a civil view: It is admitted, that this fortress is as important to Great Britain as any one she possesses—that, therefore, the officer to govern it, should be one of well tried talents and courage—not merely *supposed* to be qualified, for so essential a command, but ascertained, thoroughly, to be so, from his past services, and professional exploits; Sir Hew Dalrymple\* *may*

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\* He is a good calculator—and thinks twenty per cent. a fair return of any money laid out in furnishing Houses.—In a bargain with a lady for a ready furnished house, he said: “for wear and tear of my articles, I expect always 20 pr. ct.” She