

hulk, I shall retract all I have said ; allow that the studies of a life are at one blow overthrown, and I shall admit that Mr. Warner has made an omnipotent discovery, which will give him that high place among the sages of the world, which the Noble Lord would assign him, and supersede all existing modes of warfare.

Sir, I must say that the manner in which this affair has been treated and the terms in which the Commissioners have been maligned, is not very creditable to the science, or public press of the country, or to the service to which we belong. I say nothing of myself ; I, individually, entirely despise such attacks and misrepresentations ; but two British Admirals and a British General have been accused of treating unfairly, partially, and unfeelingly ; a projector whom it was their duty to treat, and whom they did treat, with urbanity, consideration, and the utmost liberality. Some, indeed, of the scientific and literary journals did review and express themselves upon this very important and interesting case in an able, creditable, scientific manner, and in a fair and liberal spirit. The Artizan,\* (article ix. 1844)

\* "The experiment off Brighton, indeed, we consider completely failed to prove the invention to possess any remarkable and hitherto unknown power of destruction. There were no sufficient precautions taken to prevent any trick, if any such had been intended. The question is, does the invention of Captain Warner, as shewn in the destruction of the ship off Brighton, present anything in its mode of operation, or in its effects, greatly differing from previous inventions ? In our opinion it does not. It is known that Mr. Fulton, the American engi-