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MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ISAAC BROCK, K. B.

Joy's bursting shout in whelming grief was drown'd,
And Victory's self unwilling audience found;
On every brow the cloud of sadness hung,—
The sounds of triumph died on every tongue'

THIS officer was born in Guernsey on the 6th of October, 1769, and was the eighth son of John Brock, Esq., who by his wife, Elizabeth De Lisle, daughter of Daniel De Lisle, Esq., Lieutenant Bailiff, had fourteen children. His family was nearly connected by marriage with those of De Beauvoir, Le Marchant, and Saumarez, some of the most ancient in this island.* One of his brothers, John, a lieutenant-colonel, was killed, in 1802, at the Cape of Good Hope, in a duel with Captain M——, the son of a baronet: as steward of a public ball, he very properly resisted the introduction, by his antagonist, of a female of a disreputable character, and the result was his melancholy fall. Another brother, Ferdinand, a subaltern of the 60th regiment, was slain in the

* Major-General Le Marchant and his eldest son, a captain in the Foot Guards, who both fell in Spain during the late war; and Captain Saumarez, who was Lord Anson's first lieutenant in the *Centurion*, and was slain in 1747, while commanding the *Nottingham*, of 61 guns, were members of these families, as is the present Admiral Lord De Saumarez, ennobled for his distinguished naval services.