

upon my motives, so as to ascertain the quality of my actions, you will make allowances for my situation. It is impossible to define in terms the proper feelings of a gentleman; but their existence have supported this happy country many ages, and the might perish if they were lost.

“Gentlemen, I will detain you no longer: I will bring before you many honourable persons, who will speak what they know of me in my profession, and in private life; which will the better enable you to judge whether what I have offered in my defence may safely be received by you as truth. Gentlemen, I submit myself entirely to your judgment. I hope to obtain my liberty through your verdict; and to employ it with honour in the defence of the liberties of my country.”

Mr. Erskine and Mr. Garrow, as counsel for Captain Macnamara, then proceeded to call the witnesses on his behalf.

Lieutenant Hinde, of the first life guards, was examined, with a view to state the particulars of the difference between the deceased Colonel and Captain Macnamara; but this gentleman not being present at the commencement, his evidence was dispensed with.

Lord Hood was then called to speak to the general character of the Captain. His Lordship stated, that he had known Captain Macnamara for eight years, and had the good fortune to promote him in the year 1794, when serving under his command. He had never heard any thing to contradict the opinion which he had formed of his good temper, moderation and gentleman-like conduct on all occasions. His Lordship, was proceeding to describe his

great merit as an Officer, but was interrupted by the Learned Judge.

Admiral Lord Nelson had known Captain Macnamara for upwards of nine years. He knew him to be a brave and distinguished Officer. Much as he respected his professional merits, he could speak with equal confidence as to his private character. He was a cheerful, lively, inoffending man, and that though he would not submit to insult from any one, yet he believed him to be the last man that would give offence. He had been intimately acquainted with him from the long time they had served together: and, said his Lordship, as I stand now before God and my Country, I believe him to be incapable of insulting either man, woman or child.

Admiral Lord Hotham had known Captain Macnamara since 1794. While his Lordship commanded in the Mediterranean, the Capt. served under him; and as far as he had seen, and he had many opportunities of witnessing his conduct, he was an excellent officer, of social manners, inoffending, conciliatory, and in fact, every thing he could wish to find in a companion.

Lord Minto (formerly Commissioner at Toulon, and afterwards Viceroy of Corsica) had been acquainted with Captain Macnamara since 1793. He stated him to be a good officer in his public character; and as a companion, lively, cheerful, and good humoured, never inclined to quarrel, but, on the contrary, studious to avoid quarrels.

Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, gave similar testimony. Captain Macnamara, he said, joined the fleet in 1790. He considered him as incapable of receiving an insult, and at the same