

o'clock the next day, the body was opened in order to give satisfactory information to the coroner's jury.

Thus died Thomas Lord Camelford, in the prime of life. His real character was little known, while his imperfections and follies were often brought before the public. He was passionately fond of science, and though his mind when a sailor had been little cultivated, yet he had of late years acquired a fund of information upon almost every subject connected with literature. In his youth he was fond of puzzling the chaplains of ships, and to enable him to do this, had read all the sceptical books he could procure; as, however, his judgment encreased, he became convinced of the importance of religion, and a few days before his death observed, "No sensible and well informed man can presume to assert that christianity is false, I do not yet venture, said he, to assert positively that it is true, but I confess the probabilities are in its favour."

So little did he expect his dissolution, that he had been for some time employed in preparations for the disposal of his property in this country, and had sent persons to value the timber on his estates in Cornwall and Dorset.

During his illness, he made a bequest to a chemist, who had assisted him in his laboratory, and to Captain Berrie he left an annuity with a sum to pay his debts.

An inquest was taken the following morning, at the White Horse, Kensington, before George Hodgson, Esq. his majesty's coroner for the county of Middlesex, on view of the body of the Honourable Thomas Pitt Lord Camelford.

The jury, after having attended to the coroner's charge, proceeded to Mr. Ottey's, Little Holland House, where the deceased lay. Upon examining the body, there appeared immediately below the right shoulder, a wound; which was evidently the cause of his Lordship's death. The jury returned to hear the evidence.

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