

profession ; consequently, there could have been no material difference in the consumption of lives. Enough, therefore, has I hope been stated, to afford some idea of the loss of lives to which a body of men is subject by engaging in the military profession. This comparative statement may also afford matter for calculating the duration of life in a service such as that of the 78th, which, in the course of twenty-seven years, lost by sickness, by the hand of the enemy, and by accidental causes, 2,033 men, out of 4,369, having been exposed to every variety of climate and fatigue, marching through the snow of Westphalia in the winter of 1794 and 1795, and afterwards stationed twenty-two years in the East Indies, six of which were in Batavia, considered one of the most unhealthy stations in the East. We may also take into the account the many long and admirably conducted, but harassing, marches under Sir Arthur Wellesley, of which a brief and imperfect sketch will be found in the article on this regiment.

THE END.