written and I breathe again !—They no doubt, mistook us for a
party of tradesmen of that sort, than which nothing could be
farther from our thoughts. However, that we might not be
annoyed by such mistakes in future, I determined on putting
the boat out into the middle of the stream. 'Don't Twaddel !'
exclaimed the whole party, as with one voice, for we had hi-
therto kept close in shore, because the water being shallower,
it afforded us some chance of succor if anything should hap-
pen to our daring and adventurous crew:—as Smith observed,
in his dry way, 'It would be very disagreable to be picked up
wringing wet and very dead. But the command being in my
hands I was resolute on being obeyed, and so out I steered in-
to the dangerous bosom of the Thames.

I now, I may say, we, went on swimmingly. The rowers
were attentive to their duty, and perspired with pleasure at their
successful exertions : the ladies chatted pleasantly with each
other on the fashions and upon Miss Wilke's expected marriage
with the gallant Major Morris of the Middlesex militia ; and
now and then encouraged our endeavors to please with their
lovely smiles, we had every appearance of being as happy as beau-
ty and bravery could render us. About this time, I noticed that
Jones looked somewhat deploringly at his hands they were as
red as beet-root in the palms, with symptoms of blistering. If
there is anything on which Jones is sensitive it is on the white-
ness of his hands ; it as an amiable weakness, which even the
mighty mind of Lord Byron gave way to. Smith who has a deal
of malicious humor about him, comforted him by telling him that
he would lose all the skin they had "to their backs,"
but in three months he would have in its place a new and much
whiter one. Jones looked quite horror-struck !—Miss Fanny
Smith then advised him to put on his gloves, which he did, and
that made them considerably worse. A boat full of persons pas-
sed us at this moment, and we were again saluted with, "Go it
tailors !" Jones who was sore in one respect, and in many
other respects very mettlesome, was for running them aboard
and calling them to an account : but I explained, that it was