

which the house had ever entertained towards the British navy.

Sir F. Burdett thought there was sufficient reason stated by the noble lord for an enquiry, and the very doubts which were urged by the right honorable gentleman (Mr. Croker) proved to him most strongly the necessity of that enquiry. He would agree that the period of the session at which the matter had been brought forward was too advanced, yet if the resolution was rejected now, he hoped the noble lord would renew the subject at an early part of the ensuing session. He would not, however, advise the noble lord to withdraw his resolution after the manner in which it had been stigmatized by the right honorable gentleman (Mr. Croker).

Mr. Rose in the fullest manner denied all that had been advanced by the noble lord, with respect either to the difficulty of sailors receiving their pay or the prize money.

Mr. Calcraft, in terms of great animation, complimented Mr. Croker on the speech which he had made, and observed, that the resolution of the noble lord was calculated to do more mischief in the British navy, than any other plan which could be devised. The honorable gentleman then defended the character of the British sailors with becoming zeal and energy, and concluded by expressing a hope, that the resolution would meet in that house the fate it so eminently deserved.

Mr. Wrottesley bore testimony to the facility in the naval public officers.

Mr. Stainforth opposed the resolution.

Lord Cochrane replied: He said he was not displeased at the warmth with which his proposition had been met. It certainly would be injurious to no one, except to the feeling of certain members of that house. The right honorable secretary had met his statements with individual instances of gallantry. The existence of these he did not deny; but he asserted, that the physical powers of our seamen were decreasing, partly from the system of harbor duty established in 1803. He had heard that the system was about to be changed; and he should be happy to hear from the right honorable secretary that such was the fact. The right honorable secretary had