

stand forward their advocate, and to procure them that relief they have hitherto pleaded for in vain? The Letters, which I have addressed to that noble Lord, in one of the public prints, having been seen and approved of by several officers in the service, of different ranks, with whom I have the honour to be acquainted, they have requested I would republish them collectedly, in order that the facts, stated in them, being thus brought together, they might be better known and understood by the public at large. In complying with their request, I have thought it necessary, Gentlemen, to preface them with this address to you.

Had it not been the intention of your corps to make a similar application with the lieutenants, yet, considering them as brother officers, in a station through which you must all have passed to your present rank, in which the majority of you must have experienced similar difficulties, and have known the necessity that existed for relief, I am firmly of opinion the business ought to be a common cause.

The truly brave are truly generous; humanity is the characteristic of the hero, and draws the distinguishing line between the rational courage of the man, and the senseless ferocity of the brute.

The distresses of one class, and the injuries
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