

Lord Camelford bore the rank of Master and Commander, and had the command of His Majesty's sloop Favorite. The Favorite and Pedrix were lying in English Harbour on Saturday the 13th January,—at which time Capt. Fahie of the Pedrix was absent at St. Kitts: Mr. Peterson was First Lieutenant of the Pedrix, and Lord Camelford, who was the Commanding Officer at that time, in English Harbour, ordered Lieutenant Peterson to row-guard for that night:—this order the Lieutenant refused to obey—Captain Fahie being Lord Camelford's superior Officer, and his Lordship having, in his opinion, no right to give such orders. Both ships were hauled alongside the Dock-yard repairing, and the companies of each ship collected round the parties in the Dock-yard when the altercation begun. High words ensued, but still Lieutenant Peterson refused to obey; and, in a few minutes afterwards, about twelve of the crew of the Pedrix came to the spot armed—Lord Camelford also brought six of his armed marine—Mr. Peterson now drew up his men in a line, and he stood at their head with his sword drawn by his side—Lord Camelford also drew up his six men, in a line fronting them, at about four yards distance; his Lordship then quitted the place about two minutes and returned with a pistol in his hand, which he borrowed of an Officer in the yard—Mr. Peterson was standing as before with his sword drawn, the point resting on the ground—Lord Camelford went up to him and said, do you still persist in refusing to obey my orders, to which Lieutenant Peterson replied, yes, I do persist, on which Lord Camelford immediately clapped the pistol to his breast and fired—Lieut. Peterson fell on his back immediately, and never spoke a word more or moved, as the ball went through his body. The armed part of the crew went quietly on board their ships, and Lord Camelford gave himself up as a prisoner to Captain Matson of the Beaver sloop of war, in which ship he