

mosity against him. Lennox pressed that the duke should fire, which was declined, with a repetition of the reason. Lord Winchelsea then went up to the Duke of York, and expressed a hope that his Royal Highness would have no objection to say he considered Colonel Lennox a man of honour and courage. His Royal Highness replied that he should say nothing; he had come out to give Colonel Lennox satisfaction, and did not mean to fire at him; if Colonel Lennox was not satisfied he might fire again. Lennox said he could not

but without effect. The second fire was attended with the same result, when the seconds interfered, and declared that sufficient satisfaction had been given. In Lord Holland's "Memoirs of the Whig Party," his lordship writes:—"Mr. Pitt's irritability to Mr. Tierney was very near involving more fatal consequences. Mr. Tierney, I have been told, annexed a meaning to Mr. Pitt's words which they were not meant to convey; but the latter's imperious manner of refusing all explanation, when called upon by a member (Mr. Wigley), made it



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possibly fire again at the duke, as his Royal Highness did not mean to fire at him. On this, both parties left the ground.

It is this Colonel Lennox of whom honourable mention is made in the pages of the *Rolliad* :—

"And thou, too, Lennox, worthy of the name!  
The heir to Richmond and to Richmond's fame!"

The duel between Mr. Pitt and Mr. Tierney was fought on Putney Heath on Sunday, May 27th, 1798. The latter had sent a challenge to the Minister, in consequence of some angry words in the House of Commons. Pitt was attended by Mr. Dudley Ryder (afterwards Lord Harrowby), and Tierney by Mr. George Walpole. Standing at twelve paces, each fired at the same moment,

difficult for Mr. Tierney not to resent his language. The circumstances of the duel are well known. It was fought on a Sunday, a circumstance which gave a handle to much vulgar abuse against Mr. Pitt. He did, indeed, urge the necessity of fighting immediately, if at all, because it was not proper for one in his situation to maintain any protracted correspondence on such a subject. Never did two men meet more ignorant of the use of their weapons. Mr. Pitt, on being cautioned by his second to take care of his pistols, as they were 'hair triggers,' is said to have held them up and remarked that 'he saw no hair.' They fought near a gibbet on which the body of the malefactor Abershaw was yet suspended. . . Mr. Tierney's second, General Walpole, leaped over the furze bushes or joy when Mr. Pitt