

fired in the air. Some time, however, elapsed, and some discussion between the seconds took place, before the affair was finally and amicably adjusted. Mr. Pitt very consistently insisted on one condition, which was in itself reasonable: that he was not to quit the ground without the whole matter being completely terminated. On Mr. Tierney's return home, he related the event to his wife. That lady, who was much attached to her husband, although she saw him safe before her,

"But," writes Mr. Bartlett, "Mr. Paull having advertised Sir Francis as the chairman of a public dinner without his consent, as was asserted, the latter sent his brother instead with a message to the assembled guests, disclaiming the honour which had been paid him. At this Mr. Paull took offence, and challenged the baronet to mortal combat." The duel resulted in their both being wounded, and returning—ludicrously enough—in the same carriage (Mr. Paull's) to London.



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fainted away at the relation—a strange, but not uncommon, effect produced by the discovery of events which, known at the time, would have excited strong emotions. The danger to Mr. Tierney had indeed been great. Had Mr. Pitt fallen, the fury of the times would probably have condemned him to exile or death, without reference to the provocation which he had received, and to the sanction which custom had given to the redress which he sought."

In Coombe Wood, near Wimbledon, the duel between Mr. James Paull and Sir Francis Burdett took place in 1807. The two combatants, it appears, had been on terms of the greatest familiarity with each other, in consequence of the exertions of the former at the Westminster election.

In September, 1809, took place on Putney Heath a like "hostile encounter," between Lord Castlereagh and Mr. Canning, when the latter was slightly wounded in the thigh at the second fire. This duel, it is stated, originated out of an alleged deception on the part of Mr. Canning, which was afterwards proved to be a mere misconception.

In the following September, Mr. George Payne, a gentleman of fortune, was mortally wounded in a duel he fought on the common with a Mr. Clarke, with whose sister he had been too familiar. Payne died at the "Red Lion" at Putney a day or two afterwards.

In June, 1839, the Marquis of Londonderry