

The Death of Nelson

as reported in the Cambridgeshire Chronicle

Earl Nelson of Trafalgar succeeds to the estate and title of Duke of Bronte. The estate and title were in the entire disposal of Lord Viscount Nelson by his patent from the King of Naples, which is dated 1799, is in Latin and most elegantly complimentary. The Earl proceeded to the degree of D.D. Oct 13 1801, being presented thereto by the Master of his college, the Rev. Dr Barker. Viscount Merton, his son is admitted of Christ College under the care of the Rev. Mr Hopkins and the Rev. Mr Browne. Of the gallant Nelson we shall here only further observe, *That his last sigh was for his Country; and his last act, resignation to the Will of God: Patriotism and Religion in one expiring Breath!*

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The joy which was occasioned by intelligence of the glorious victory obtained over the Combined fleets of France and Spain was considerably checked by news of the death of the glorious and intrepid chief, through whose skill and arrangements, aided by congenial spirits and conquest was achieved. Every man smiled at the great news of victory but when the price was told, the smile was followed by a sigh.

At noon yesterday, the Cambridge Volunteers were drawn up in the Market Place, and fired three feus-de-joie – a dumb peal was rung at Great St Mary's as a testimony of respect to the memory of the brave Admiral and in the evening a general sensation was one of gladness chastised by sorrow.

Admiral Louis, it is not doubted was detached with seven ships, by the gallant Nelson, for the provident purpose of inducing the combined fleet to tempt the fate they were certain to meet with, from the unparalleled skill and bravery of his Lordship and the British Navy, His Lordship's mind was ever as active as his personal courage, he went out determined to strike a proud inspiring blow to live or die crowned with laurels. Lord Nelson was great nephew to Sir Robert Walpole first Earl of Orford and to Horatio, the first Lord Walpole. The most ready, and the most appropriate mark of respect that can be paid to his Lordship's memory is by the general wear of a purple ribbon across the breast: and it is already began to be worn by his ever regretting countrymen.

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