

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—Having read in some of the London papers various false reports concerning the fight between *Nero* and the six dogs on Tuesday last, stating that he was torn, mangled, left in a pitiable condition, &c. &c., I must beg leave to contradict any such invidious representations. *Nero* was next morning exhibited to an immense concourse of visitors, anxious to see whether he was or was not much damaged; and, to their great astonishment, the noble animal showed no more signs of punishment than a few slight scratches on the lip. I was then induced by some friends to try the courage of my second lion, *Wallace*, whose natural disposition was not so much controlled by making so much freedom with him, or rendering him so tame, gentle, and submissive as was with *Nero*; and so the issue was, that *Wallace* quickly beat the six dogs sent at him, without receiving as much as a scar of the slightest description. There is also a talk of cruelty having been practised in the engagement. Now, Sir, can any man in his senses suppose that I would risk the loss of my two lions, the finest ever seen in this country, for the purpose of gratifying a cruel propensity? No, Sir, I never formed such an idea; and I further say that another exhibition of such a scene shall never be engaged in, or encouraged by, Sir, your most obedient servant.

Alcester, Aug. 1.

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