

you show them what it is to have a
enemy in their country, they have been
so habituated to fight that they
delight in it. It is simple but it
is true that all apprehensions of death
are new to the soldier mind
and they follow the necessities of
slaughter without the least compunction,
most of those with me have been
there last year with Lord Wellington.
Of course the number of times each have
been engaged is very great for it is
not the general battles but the out-
post attacks that ensures them to
fight - and there were constant -
I frequently tell them that it is high time
that the world was at peace or else
it would be changed and we should
become surgeons again -