To a more noble, much more commendable principle acts out, the human breast, self-reputa-
tion the fountain of every generous and patriotic ac-
tion. But grant that any person, so vile it be as to the guilty of such conduct, who would be so regardless of his own reputation as to enter
the lists with a seducer, a ravisher or a murderer?
I can confidentially answer in the negative.
For the better investigation of this subject, permit
me, an audience to call your attention a few moments
to the rise of duelling. I must confess the origin of
single combats is some what obscure, but it is evi-
dent from the historic page, they did not become
common in resentment of private or personal in-
jures until the sixteenth century. Francis the
first of Charles the fifth set the example—like
an electric spark flashed across the Eastern Heritics
sphere it involved all Europe in private quarrels
t single combats. Hence every person thought
himself entitled to call upon his adversary to make
reparation for assault on or injury that con-
ceed to touch his honour. It is easy to concer-