

himself down, in order to sleep; for extreme cold always occasions a sleepy sensation that is not easily to be resisted. I used my utmost endeavours both by persuasion and force to rouse him, and make him stand on his legs, but all to no purpose; so I was obliged to let him remain there. After walking about for half an hour longer, during which time I felt the strongest inclination myself to lie down and sleep, but knew the fatal consequences of attempting it, I went to the place where the boy lay, and putting my hand on his face, and finding it quite cold, I observed to the mate, who was close by, that I believed he was dead. To which the lad answered immediately, that he was not yet dead, but would be so very shortly, and requested I would write a letter, if I survived, to his father at New York. In about ten minutes we found that he had expired, and, as I imagined, without any pain whatever, but at least without any that was violent. These trivial matters would be unworthy of notice, but as they serve to shew the effects of intense cold on the