

ing to exemplify one of the fatal consequences of unrestrained passion, it would be only necessary to refer to the melancholy fate of the captain of *La Revolutionnaire*, who, sailing under sealed orders, fell on the deck in a fit of anger at some of the crew, and, on being carried below, expired. What an effect must unrestrained passion have on the exercise of the faculties, if it can thus suspend animation or extinguish life altogether ?

That officers themselves are not exempted from the disagreeable consequences of their superiors indulging in fits of anger, may be strongly instanced in the case of a captain deceased,* who presumed to tell his lieutenant, whilst on duty, that he would put him in irons; a threat which he must have known, as well as every sailor who heard him, he durst not put into execution.

Doubtless a most essential requisite to the preservation of discipline, is a strict adherence to any engagement entered into with the seamen :

* *Bounty*, Bligh, when in command of the *Warrior*, seventy-four.