

mencement of the late war with less impressing, and with circumstances less conducive to the engendering and diffusing of infection, than in former wars.

2ndly. The better observance of cleanliness, ventilation, dryness, and sobriety, in consequence of the general conviction of officers, of the necessity of these to the preservation of health ; and that the due attention to them made an essential and indispensable part of their duty, even more than of medical officers, since they had it more in their power to enforce those salutary practices, on which prevention depends.

3dly. The general supply of lemon juice, so judiciously and liberally allowed to ships of war since the year 1795. By this the scurvy has been so entirely eradicated, or rather prevented, that there are now surgeons of the navy of long standing, who have never seen a case of it ; and it has been already mentioned, that in less than eighteen months after the general supply of it, Lord Spencer did not find a single case of it in Haslar hospital.

4thly. The regulations established by the Medical Board of the Navy, in the last years of the last century, already alluded to.

Lastly. The superior encouragement given to medical officers, which has had the effect of procuring a better educated class of men.