

This Fact as here stated effectually destroys Mr. Mathews's Defence, who says; he discontinued the Chace in Obedience to his Instructions. For here the Question arises, why then did you renew the Chace the next Morning? Was it not equally contrary to your Instructions on the Morning of the 13th, as the Night before? For a Signal to the Vice-Admiral to Chace with his Division could have been given with no other Design but to attack the Enemy, but the 10th Resolution on the 15th Article it is,

Resolved unanimously, that it has appeared to the Court, that the Signal made by the Admiral on the 13th of February in the Morning, was for the Admiral to send out Ships to Chace. How material, how essential is this Difference? For the Intention of sending out Ships to Chace, was only to descry what those Ships were, which the Vice-Admiral made the Signal for seeing. This single Instance, I think may stand in the Place of many. After this I think it is unnecessary to say any thing more on this Subject. I hope if there has been any Mistake, it has been a Mistake of the Head, and not of the Heart; that we shall never see the Time when a Minister's Will shall become the Rule of Judgment, his Favour or Resentment the Measure of Justice, his Word the Stamp which shall fix pretended Merit or Disgrace on Mens Characters; for such an Usurpation must soon create a Dependency, destructive of all Notions of Honour and Spirit, and fatal to the Welfare and Liberties of the Country wherever it shall prevail. Hanging out Terrors on one Hand to those who do right, giving Encouragement on the other to those who do wrong, cannot fail of sinking a State into the most despicable Condition. There is yet another Light, in which we ought to view the Proceedings of a certain C. M. for when I