

particulars of the character and manners of these two officers, with whom I was very well acquainted.

Chwostoff united in his character two contrary qualities, the gentleness of a lamb and the fire of a lion. At home he was the most respectful son to his father and mother; in affliction or sickness, he never quitted them a moment, and was ready to sacrifice every thing for them. He was much attached to his relations and friends, and would readily have laid down his life for a friend, (even though the latter might not entertain the same sentiment towards him) when he had once become attached to him. In company he was fond of talking and disputing, but was very good tempered, and often bore offensive expressions, which his opponents had used in the warmth of dispute, without calling them to account for them. All knew his intrepidity, and the strongest and most daring of his companions, who were so formidable to others, though conscious of their superior bodily powers, (for he was of a middle stature, and but moderately strong) never ventured, if they saw the smallest symptom of anger in him, to provoke him any farther. To his superiors and commanding officers, he was respectful and obedient, but when it was necessary, he freely, though with modesty, expressed his sentiments. He was extremely obliging to every body, and so kind to the poor and