Discipline Quotes about Discipline and Flogging

Captain Isaac Hull, July 12, 1810

"I have now one of the best ships in our Navy and a crew of 430 men, which you will think a large family, it's true; but being a good housekeeper I manage them with tolerable ease. I however scold sometimes and now and then get angry."

Seaman James Durand, 1805

"I have seen a man hauled up and made to receive eighteen lashes for a crime no more serious than spitting on the quarter deck. Such outrages on human nature ought not to be permitted by a government which boasts of liberty. No monarch in the world is more absolute than the Captain of a Man-of-war. The situation of a sailor, exposed as he is to the vicissitudes of life, to the inclemencies of the seasons, to the fury of storms and tempests, is sufficiently arduous without its being rendered more so by the cruelties of his fellow beings."

