

fired another right a-head of her, which she returned, and furled her Main-sail to make Room for her Small-Arms to play, and prepared to engage us. We hailed them when we were near enough to them, but they returned no Answer. I ordered a Six Pounder to be fired upon them, and continued hailing. Soon after coming up close to her, she presented her Head right upon our Star-board, made one half Turn to the Southward, in order to present us her Larboard, and gave us her whole Broad-side, be sides Small-Arms, while we continued hailing without Answer. I returned immediately a Broadside, and the Fight lasted two Hours and a Half; after which some of them hailed us in *English*, that they would not fire any longer. I ordered them to strike, and sent my Lieutenant on board, who brought me the Captain of the Brigantine, and his Papers, whereby I presently discovered it to be the *St. Francis* Brigantine, of about One Hundred and Twenty Tons, mounting Ten Guns, and four Swivels, having sixty Men on board, including thirty Soldiers; that she had been laden at *Quebec* with Arms, Ammunition, Cloathing, and Provisions for the *Indians*, and had been fitted out to convoy the Schooner aforesaid, which had made her Escape during the Engagement, and was also laden with the like Effects.

I have brought the Brigantine to this Port, where she has been condemned by a Court of Admiralty, for carrying on a prohibited Trade: Here is annexed a Copy of the Sentence pronounced by the said Court; your Excellencies will be pleased to peruse it.

We had two Men killed and one wounded, during the Fight. On board the Brigantine were six killed, and seven wounded. The Commander of the Brigantine, saith she is a King's Ship: Though he has no Commission from the Crown, only an Order from the Governor of *Canada*, to command the said Vessel, and to convoy the Schooner to the River *St. John*; where, after having unladen the Ammunition, and the Presents destined for the *Indians*, she was to return to *Quebec*, there to be disarmed.

I must

I  
last,  
a Cr  
she  
Canada  
Paper  
Am  
dians  
where  
Port,  
of A

An E  
Go  
Sec

T  
ficers  
said;  
even t  
molest  
Howe  
fication  
nomin  
Scotia.  
Limits  
that C  
that is  
to kee  
tween  
I ho  
send ye  
Maste  
to und  
waiting  
that I