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met with no sort of credit. And, we could not but be surpris'd to the last degree, on having received, just now, intimations by letters from Canada, and Cape Breton, that the English vessels act in these seas, in the same manner, as they might do, in case of an open war.

These vessels have spread themselves all the last summer, to the very upper end of the gulph of St. Laurence, stopping and insulting all the French vessels that they met. They attempted to carry off a brigantine, which lay at anchor in the river of St. John, and was sent thither by the intendant of Canada, with provisions for the detachments of the king's troops in those parts. But, not being able to attain their ends, the English captain carried off some of the seamen, belonging to the brigantine, who have been sent back to Cape Breton by M. Cornwallis, governor of Acadia. But without descending to particulars, relating to the irregularities, and all the acts of violence put in practice by the English shipping; we shall here confine ourselves to two facts.

The first is, the taking of a French vessel, called the London Captain Ialain, by two English snows armed. This little vessel had been sent by the intendant of Canada, to Che-daic in the gulph of St. Laurence, with provisions for the king's troops at that place; and, at the same time to carry the ammunition, goods and provisions, which the king is wont to send annually, as presents to the savages of