

Trade within the Province of his *Britannic Majesty*: These are the Terms he makes use of.

There is no Necessity of any *Pro or Con* in an Affair of this Kind. Here is a Vessel fitted out for the Service of his Majesty, commanded by one of his Majesty's Officers, attacked as in a Time of War. So good an Opinion we have of the Integrity of his Majesty the King of *Great Britain's* Intentions, that we cannot attribute an Attempt so contrary to all Manner of Laws, to any Order from his said Majesty; but, on the contrary, that as soon as he is acquainted with the Truth of these Facts, we may rely entirely on his Equity, concerning that Justice and Satisfaction these Captures call for; as also, Orders to be given to prevent hereafter the like Abuse.

*An Extract of a Letter from Capt. Rous, Commander of his Majesty's Frigate the Albany. Dated, Chibouctou, in Nova-Scotia, the 31st of October, 1750. \**

**T**HE Day after having left the River *St. John*, as I passed *Cape-Sable*, about Noon, I discovered a Brigantine and a Schooner, turning the Cape, about two Miles from the Coast, steering North-West; and as I had before been informed of a Brigantine which was a Pirate on that Coast; || I immediately gave her Chace in order to speak to her. As soon as she found out who we were, she made a Signal to the Schooner which was with her, who thereupon altered her Course, West-south-west, coming pretty near Gun-shot of the Brig, which was steering W. N. W. I fired one Gun at the Fore-Part of the said Brig, to bring her to, while the Schooner was making off with all Speed. The Brigantine put up *French* Colours, and fired also one Gun; the Schooner did the same, but put up no Colours. When I was come within Gun-shot, I fired

*\* That Extract was given to his Majesty's Minister by the English Ambassador, in order to excuse the Conduct of the English. Capt. Rous suppresses several essential Circumstances therein, and alters the Facts; nevertheless he is obliged to own that he was the Aggressor.*

*|| By this bad Example, the English always cloak their Hostilities at Sea.*

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