

Goldsworthy, the consul, who throughout this whole affair acted with wisdom and firmness, protested against it in the strongest manner, as contrary to treaties, and an open violation of the laws of nations. Nevertheless, the governor ordered all the artillery on the walls to be loaded, gunners to attend with lighted match; six companies of grenadiers to be ready, with nineteen rounds of shot; and two companies to board and take possession of the prize, who immediately seized on the arms, magazines, &c. in the ship: he ordered two companies also to the forts, and two more on board the Antigallican, which by Admiral Novarro's permission was refitting in the King's Dock, and laid like a hulk, with its masts, sails, arms, guns, &c. in the King's ware-house. But at last, conscious of the illegality of such a proceeding, which alarmed the whole city, the Governor, in the evening of the same day, withdrew the troops from the ships; who not willing to go empty-handed, broke open several chests, carried away every thing they could find belonging to the officers and crew, and the very beef, that was dressing for dinner.

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1756.

Forcibly
entered.

Plundered
by the soldiers.

At length the council of war, on the allegations of one party only, having come to this resolution, "That the violation of his Majesty's territory, and the insult offered to it by the privateer being fully and clearly proved, the privateer ought to be stopt, the captain punished, and the pretended prize restored to its lawful owners the French;" the governor acquainted

Ordered to
be delivered
to the
French.