

tures ; but also, the orders proper to be given to prevent the like excesses for the future.

Extract of a letter from captain Rous, commander of his majesty's sloop the Albany, dated from Chebueto harbour in Nova Scotia, October 31, 1750 .

THE next day, after I had left John's river, in doubling cape Sable, about noon, I discovered a brigantine and a schooner coming round this cape, about two miles from the coast, steering north-west : and as I had notice given me of a pyrate brigantine being on this coast†, I immediately began to chace in order to speak with her. They no sooner perceived us, than they made a signal to the schooner which was in company, and which in consequence changed her course to west south-west. Being arrived within distance of a random shot, the brigantine steering west north-west, I fired a cannon across the stern of the brigantine in order to bring her to ; the schooner bearing away with all her sails. The

* This extract was given to his majesty's minister, by the English ambassador, by way of excuse for the conduct of the English.

Captain Rous alters the facts, and suppresses many essential circumstances ; yet, he cannot help confessing himself the aggressor.

* It is by Means of this bad excuse that the English have always endeavoured to gloss over their hostilities by sea.