

Paulet arrived, and acquainted the captain that the general insisted on seeing him, and had dismounted from his horse for that purpose.—The captain had been working on the top of the store.—I had just time to hand him his hat and jacket as the general arrived.—The Frenchman was rather a rough hand, and appeared in a devil of a rage.

*Ned.*—We all saw there was a bit of a breeze a-brewin';—moreover, neither side began with bowin' and scrapin'.—The Frenchman first opens his fire on the skipper:—but, Sam 'ill tell ye—

*Sam.*—“ Why, Sir, do you thus come *armed* ?” said the general, frothing at the mouth. “ For the express purpose of saving from destruction British property.”—“ Why, Sir, I repeat, do you come *armed* ?”—“ It is the practice of the British service—and I should do the same were I to land for the same purpose in an English sea-port town.”—“ You had no right to land *armed*, Sir.”—“ By coming *armed*, Sir, I shall be enabled to extinguish this fire,—and *you* ought to be the