

pieces of cordage. The governor promised him every thing, and had actually a mast cut, which was brought from the woods by the brigantine's crew, and bid captain Vergor to begin the mending of his sails, shrouds, and other things necessary. This captain was going to take his measures in consequence, when behold! captain Rous appeals to the admiralty, where the brigantine is condemned as a lawful prize. In a letter which M. Cornwallis has wrote to M. Desherbiers, commandant of Cape Breton, when he returned him captain Vergor, and the crew belonging to the brigantine, with the arms of the soldiers, who were part of it, he tells him, the admiralty had pronounced this sentence of confiscation for having carried on an unlawful trade in his Britannic majesty's province. These are the words he makes use of.

We are of opinion, all discussions on a question of this kind, may be dispensed with. Here is an armed vessel, on the king's service, commanded by an officer of his majesty's, attacked and fought, as in a time of open war. We have too good an opinion of the uprightness of his Britannic majesty's intentions to ascribe, to any order of his, an enterprise, so directly opposite to all laws. And, we make no doubt, but, upon being informed of the facts, the greatest reliance may be had on his equity; not only with respect to the justice, and satisfaction due for the said captures

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