

it ought to be imputed only to captain Rous, of whose conduct he informed him. M. Cornwallis replied, that if things had passed in the manner he said they did, captain Rous was in the fault, and that he would call his council the next day in order to decide the matter. The council was actually called captain Rous, his lieutenant, and some of his crew, were brought before the council, to which captain Vergor was likewise admitted the last recited the faults in the manner they were already specified. Captain Rous could not deny but that he had begun first, by firing a cannon ball at the brigantine's foretopail.

On this the governor got up, and having ordered into the council chamber the officers belonging to the brigantine, who had been previously brought into a room contiguous to it, they were summoned to tell who it was that fired the first shot? They all answered, that it was captain Rous, who had fired two vollies. Captain Vergor's declaration was then read to them, and they all certified it to be true, in all its circumstances. Notwithstanding the council came to no resolution, either in this, or in five or six other sittings, which were held afterwards. But in two or three days after the first, M. Cornwallis asked captain Vergor, what should be wanting to refit the brigantine for the sea, offering to supply him therewith. He represented to him, that he could not do without a great mast, and four pieces