

" which there was an officer, who had been
 " sent from his post to *Beaufejour*, in search
 " of provisions. The ship's boat, with se-
 " veral armed men, rowed after the canoe ;
 " so that the officer and three soldiers,
 " which was all the company he had with
 " him, were obliged to save themselves
 " ashore. After exchanging a few shot on
 " both sides, the English returned to their
 " ship."

Here, Sir, you have a list of our griev-
 ances. The commandant of Cape Breton,
 who drew it up, would have had a more
 spacious field to display his eloquence, if
 he had continued here much longer ; for
 since his departure, there have been many
 other subjects of the like complaint. Yet I
 beg you will take notice of the evil genius
 of the inhabitants of this country : is it not
 amazing, that after such a series of English
 cruelties, any of our people should have been
 so weak as to think we were in the wrong ;
 and perhaps, to insist in this opinion, had
 it not been for the trouble the governor
 took to undeceive us ? For after all, this
 charitable