

till the attack was begun by the Englishman, and till he had given him notice that he commanded a vessel belonging to the king of France, armed to carry provisions to his troops. The 16th of October, the brigantine and the other vessel being at two leagues west of the islands of Seal, captain Vergor discovered, at eleven in the morning, an English frigate, which came across him and bore down on him in an instant right before the wind, and crowding all her sails. In half an hour after this, the frigate fired a cannon with ball into the stern of the brigantine, and hoisted her flag. Captain Vergor hoisted immediately both his streamer and flag, and gave them a shot, still pursuing his way. The frigate also continued the chase, and being, in half an hour, come up with him, and within shot of a six pounder, fired a second shot at him, and put up her streamer; in a little time after she fired a third shot, which went through the sail of captain Vergor's foretopmast, who then prepared himself for fighting in case of a fresh insult; the frigate, being come still nearer, fired four cannon shots at his sails. Agreeable to the orders he had received from the marquis de la Jonquiere, he caused a person to cry out in French, that this was a ship belonging to the king of France, and going with provisions and ammunition for the use of his majesty's troops. The answer of the English commander being, that he must either bring to, or he would