

Manneval at once fired a cannon to notify the settlers to assemble at his quarters. 1690.

On the 20th, the English squadron, consisting of a forty-gun frigate, a vessel of sixteen, a third of eight guns, and four ketches, anchored half a league from Port Royal; and the Admiral, William Phibs, an adventurer, whose merit was proportionate to his early condition of carpenter, sent his boat to the fort, with a trumpeter, to summon the Governor to surrender his post, with all it contained, without any capitulation.¹

De Manneval retained the trumpeter; and, for lack of officers, sent Mr. Petit,² priest of the Seminary of Quebec, who acted as his chaplain, to obtain at least tolerable conditions from the English General; for, from the outset, he saw how useless it would be to attempt a defense with so few soldiers, poorly armed, discouraged, without a single officer, and unable to rely on the settlers, only three of whom came up in answer to his signal for assembling. He had absolutely no one to mount and work his cannon; and, besides, he had been, for two months, racked with gout, and was assured that the enemy had eight hundred land troops on board.³

¹ De Monseignat, Relation, &c., N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 474, gives this briefly. Sir William Phipps, son of James Phipps, a gunsmith from Bristol, was born in what is now Phippsburg, Maine; became a ship-carpenter and builder at Sheeps-cot and Boston. Went to sea in 1677; after one failure succeeded in raising a Spanish treasure ship, by which he obtained £16,000 and knighthood from James II., in June, 1687. Andros made him Sheriff of New England. He was made Governor of Massachusetts in 1692, recalled for violence in 1695, and died in London, February 18, 1695. He sailed from Nantasket, April 28, 1690, O. S., and reached Port Royal, May 11. Mather's Magnalia, Book ii., p. 47.

² Rev. Louis Petit, born at Rouen, in 1629, came out as a captain in the Regiment Carignan Salières; but, renouncing the career of arms, studied at the Seminary of Quebec, and was ordained, Dec. 21, 1670. He was chaplain at Sorel, from 1672, to '76, and sent to Acadia in 1677. Phipps carried him to Boston; but he returned to Port Royal the same year, and continued his labors till 1700, at Quebec and Ancienne Lorette. He died at the Seminary of Quebec, June 3, 1709, aged eighty years. Taschereau, Memoir on the Quebec Seminary Missions in Acadia, Ms.; 200^e Anniv. du Sem. de Quebec, p. 44; St. Valier, Etat Présent.

³ Histoire Géographique de la Nouvelle Ecosse, p. 111.