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manifesto were found, which the English Admiral had printed at Boston, in very bad French, in order to scatter among the settlers and excite the people. I have deemed this piece sufficiently curious to give it at length.<sup>1</sup>

Manifesto  
of the  
English  
Admiral.

“By his Excellency, JOHN HILL,<sup>2</sup> General and Commander-in-Chief of her Britannic Majesty's troops in America. The Queen of Great Britain having just and indisputable right and title to all North America by discovery made thereof and by possession, acknowledged by the Most Christian King, as appears by the grants of a part thereof to his Most Christian Majesty from the Crown of Great Britain, the detail of which would be tedious on this short manifesto. And as sound reason cannot convince us that such grants should have been given, that people should settle in those places as enemies, in order to harass the subjects of Great Britain; but rather with a view that those lands and territories should be held as fiefs, and as the nature of such tenures and articles of treaties of neutrality made between the Crown of Great Britain and the Most Christian King, to be observed by the English and French in America, although there might be war in Europe between the Crown of Great Britain and the Most Christian King: the French, nevertheless, have committed several hostilities against the subjects of the Kings of Great Britain; therefore those countries thus possessed by the French, do, according to the laws of nature and the

<sup>1</sup> This manifesto has been copied from the printed sheet, so that the faults of sense found in it, are those of the author or translator: *Charlevoix*. Sir Hovenden Walker, *Journal*, pp. 211-215, gives “A rough draught of the manifesto as drawn by me, which was translated into French.” The French follows it pretty closely. Its utter absurdity was shown by Grange de Chessieux, *La Conduite des Français Justifiée*, pp. 199-200, and by Butel-Dumont in his edition of the *Conduite des Français*, p. 266, when Jefferys en-

deavored to use its statements as historical facts.

<sup>2</sup> Brigadier Hill was a brother of Mr. Masham, Queen Anne's favorite. His force was about 7000 men, five veteran regiments from Europe, his own 701 men, Windresse's 700, Clayton's 700, Kane's 700, L't. General Seymour's 702, Kirk's 700, Disney's 800, Churchill's marines and 300 recruits, with Vetch's Massachusetts and Walton's New Hampshire and R. I. regiments, Boston News Letter, July 16-23, 1711. Walker's *Journal*, 107-9, 190-1.