

nation, of right revert to the Crown of Great Britain whence they originally came, and her Majesty of Great Britain may lawfully resume them, even though there were no war between her and the Most Christian King, joined to the constant complaints of the subjects of her Majesty of Great Britain of the horrible barbarities and unheard-of cruelties instigated and committed on them by the French, with the Indians; as is most evidently seen by the reward of forty livres, given by the French to the Indians for each English scalp.

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“ All these things have justly moved her Majesty, and have induced her to succor her subjects, oppressed in so abominable a manner. The kings, her predecessors, for want of proper and suitable opportunity to reduce those lands and that country, which were lost for their possession, her Majesty having a very pious and just intention of establishing henceforward, perpetual peace in North America, by preventing and arresting the very unjust ravages and execrable murders against her subjects, has resolved, under the protection of Almighty God, to recover all the said lands and country, and appoint governors in the cities, towns, villages, castles and forts, where the most Christian King has pretended to settle any. And because the French settlers now in those parts, might, out of ignorance or obstinacy, be induced by malicious and turbulent people to resist her Majesty's good designs, she has thought fit, hoping that God will favor so pious an enterprise, to send such a strength as may, by the Divine assistance, be sufficient to reduce all who oppose reason and justice.

“ Esteeming all the French who are settled in the said land and territory, under the pretended titles of the Most Christian King, to be as much subjects to the Crown of Great Britain, as if born or settled there or in Ireland, or in other parts of her Majesty's colonies, which are immediately under her protection; hence, having in view her interests and the good of her subjects, we have thought fit to declare, in a most solemn manner, that all the French