

and acquired to her Majesty's profit, to be distributed to those who shall give assistance, in order that these countries be under the sway of her Majesty of Great Britain, and any such, who shall distinguish and signalize themselves on this occasion for her Majesty's service, shall receive special marks of her good will, in proportion to the services they shall have rendered.

1711.

“ However, we here declare, that, after they have committed acts of hostility, we think ourselves discharged from the execution of these promises, and that none, except those who shall have surrendered or distinguished themselves before any act of hostility, shall be allowed to set up any claim to the favors hereinbefore offered; and we shall then have no other aim, with God's blessing, than to crush by force of arms, those who resist, hoping that God, who is Almighty, will give generous success to the arms of her Majesty, in so reasonable, just and religious a design.

BOSTON, B. GRAEN, 1711.”

Even if they had not known in Canada in what manner the English used the right of conquest in the New World, their bad faith in observing treaties, their harsh treatment of prisoners, the recent example of Acadia and the false pretext set up by the author of the manifesto to authorize him in refusing to spare any one, under pretence that they had not submitted till after the first hostilities, were but too well calculated to rouse every good Frenchman to continue the defence to the last extremity, to say nothing of the chimerical and unsupportable pretensions of Hill as to the right of the English Crown to all North America.

But as there is no state without malcontents or illminded men, the indignation against this document would not have been so general, had it appeared amid the French settlements at the same time with the French fleet. Those whom the threats would have intimidated the most, if they had had to dread their fulfillment, are the boldest in despising them when they are no longer to be feared.

The English admiral could scarcely impute to any one