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Oportunity should offer itself, though very sorry his Country had lost so favourable a Conjuncture, when what he had propos'd might have been accomplished with much less Trouble and Expence, than after a Peace should be concluded; for he foresaw, and often warn'd the then Ministry, that whensoever that happen'd, the French would certainly endeavour to possess and settle that Country, for Reasons too many and tedious here to relate, as afterwards too manifestly appear'd.

Howsoever as this Colony does most certainly of Right belong to the Crown of Great-Britain, if the sirst Discovery, Grant, Possession, and other most material Circumstances, may be allow'd to carry any Weight with them, it may be a satisfactory Entertainment, if not a real Service, to the Publick, to attempt a short Description of it in Print, and of the Lands to the Northwards, as far as, and among the Five great Lakes, the Nations of Indians inhabiting therein, and the Lakes themselves, as well as of the useful Appimals