

hill. When all this water comes to the very Fall, there it throws itself down perpendicular! It is beyond all belief the surprize when you see this! I cannot with words exprefs how amazing it is! You cannot see it without being quite terrified; to behold fo vast a quantity of water falling headlong from a furprizing height! I doubt not but you have a defire to learn the exact height of this great Fall. Father *Hennepin*, fuppofes it 600 Feet perpendicular; but he has gained little credit in *Canada*; the name of honour they give him there, is *un grand Menteur*, or *The great Liar*; he writes of what he faw in places where he never was. 'tis true he faw this Fall: but as it is the way of fome travellers to magnify every thing, fo has he done with regard to the fall of *Niagara*. This humour of travellers, has occafioned me many difappointments in my travels, having feldom been fo happy as to find the wonderful things that had been related by others. For my part, who am not fond of the *Marvellous*, I like to fee things juft as they are, and fo to relate them. Since Father *Hennepin's* time, this Fall by all the accounts that have been given of it, has grown lefs and lefs; and thofe who have meafur'd it with mathematical inftruments find the perpendicular fall of the water to be exactly 137 feet. Monfr. *Morandrier*, the king's engineer in
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