

tence must this appear to all who are any way acquainted with the transactions of *la Salle*, even as they are magnified by the French writers! He went over the lakes, and down the river *Illinois* to the *Missipi*, and never came within many hundred miles of the river *Ohio*, especially the forks of that river about *Fort du Quesne*, which he never once heard tell of: yet from thence the French pretend to claim all that country, and all North America with it beyond those bounds!—This is just as they pretend to claim under *Mr. Demys* in *Nova Scotia*.

They pretend to tell us, that the English never formed any pretensions to the river *Ohio*, nor to any part of the country about it. But it is well known, and was acknowledged by the natives of the country at *Albany* in 1754, that the English had settled on the *Ohio* thirty years before that; where we had many settlements on and about that river from *Venango* to *Shawnoab*, or the lower *Shawnoes*, extending along the river for four or five hundred miles and more, when the French came there in 1753; besides a settlement at *Pickawillany* on the river *Wabache* established in 1749, five hundred miles west of *Fort du Quesne*; which fort itself was projected and laid out by the Ohio company: besides another fort we had nigh *Buffalo* or *Beef* river, that was seized with the gar-
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