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WITH A
DESCRIPTION.
OF THE
COUNTRY, LAKES, &c.

IN June 1766, I set out from Boston, and proceeded by way of Albany and Niagara, to Michillimackinac, a fort situated between the lakes Huron and Michigan, and distant from Boston 1300 miles. This being the uttermost of our factories towards the north west, I considered it as the most convenient place from whence I could begin my intended progress, and enter at once into the regions I designed to explore.

Referring my readers to the publications already extant for an account of those parts of North America, that from lying adjacent to the back settlements, have been frequently described, I shall confine myself to a description of the more interior parts of it, which, having been but seldom visited, are consequently but little known. In doing this, I shall in no instance exceed the bounds of truth, or have recourse to those useless and extravagant exaggerations too often made use of by travellers, to excite the curiosity of the public, or to increase their own importance. Nor shall I insert any observations, but such as I have made myself, or from the