

fident of their abilities to effect it. That this confidence is by no means visionary, must I think be obvious to every man who is the least acquainted with the nature of that country, the disposition of the Indians, and their method of making war: the Indians have no artillery, consequently fortifications will not stop them; they make war in small parties, from five or ten to an hundred, so that they could steal undiscovered into your country, though a chain of forts should be erected the distance of every half mile. Their baggage consists of only one blanket to each man, a small kettle to every squad, consisting perhaps of six or seven men, and ingredients to light a fire; accoutred thus, we have innumerable instances of their having made expeditions of 1500, or 2000 miles.