

first in 1654, and several times afterwards, of which an authentic account is to be seen in the archives of the royal society, besides the accounts we have of that discovery from our historians ; this large branch of the *Obio*, I say, rises in the mountains of South *Carolina*, and runs through that province, and all North *Carolina*, to the middle of *Virginia* : besides several other branches of it that rise in the Apalachean mountains from the same sources with the rivers that run through our settlements east of those mountains, and make a navigation from the *Obio* down to the sea-coast, excepting a small land carriage from one river to the other.

The *Obio* is besides remarkable for its gentle current, contrary to most of the inland rivers in North America, which are very rapid, with numbers of falls in them ; but we hear of only one fall in the *Obio*, which is navigable both up and down, as appears from the journals and several verbal accounts of our people, who have gone up and down the whole river. They tell us indeed that the river is very crooked, as is usual with all rivers that run through a level champaign country, as this does ; but this at the same time makes its current slack, and the whole river easy to navigate, all the way from the *Mississipi* nigh to the river of the *Senekaas*, which falls into lake