

Wiendoes ; another of *Poutewatamis*, called *Pous* ; and a third of *Outawas*, or *Thawas*. The number of Indians in those villages was uncertain, as they are so constantly out on hunting parties ; they judged them about 3 or 400 fighting men. As for their fortifications they were no way considerable, being at such a distance from any danger of an attack, but from the Indians ; altho' the French have since strengthened this place no doubt, as it is the great support of their interest among the natives of all those western parts of the continent, and the center of their several straggling settlements among them.

III. *Of the river OHIO, and Fort Du Quesne.*

The river *Ohio* is next to be considered ; which runs through great part of our colonies of *Penslvania*, and *Carolina*, and waters a country that is nigh five hundred miles square, which is reckoned one of the finest countries in all North America. This river is not less than 10 or 12000 miles long by all accounts, from its source nigh the habitations of the six nations to its mouth at the *Missisipi*, with several large rivers falling into it, that spread over our colonies far and nigh. A large branch of the *Ohio*, called *Wood River*, from *Colonel Wood* of *Virginia*, who discovered it first