

They have built another Fort at the Forks, where the River *Oubasché* falls into the River *Ohio*. How many more Fortresses they have erected lower down towards the River *Mississippi*, and on that River, I do not pretend to know. They have likewise built two Vessels like our Brigantines, of about 60 or 70 Tons for Transportation on the Lake *Ontario*. These Lakes are large Inland Seas, navigable by Vessels of a considerable Burthen.

By the Treaty of *Utrecht*, confirmed by the Treaty of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, it is expressly stipulated that the French shall have Liberty of passing into the Country of the *Five Nations*, and other Indians in Friendship with *Great-Britain*, for the sake of Commerce; and that the English shall have the same Liberty of passing into the Countries of the Indians in Friendship with the French on the same Purpose.

Since the last Treaty, the French have plundered several of his Majesty's Subjects trading, not in the Countries of the Indians in Friendship with the French, but in the Countries of the *Iroquois*, and other Indian Nations in Friendship with *Great-Britain*, of Goods to a very great Value; killed some, made others Prisoners, and transported several to *Old-France*. They have lately avowed