

of the lake stand Fort George and Fort Niagara, separated from each other by the river Niagara, which flows in a north-easterly direction from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, dividing this part of the country from the United States. These forts being erected on elevated situations, command an extensive prospect of the neighbouring grounds, which are almost divested of their forest. Fort Messissaugo, which is of recent construction, is built at a little distance from Fort George, and on the same side of the river, its position being also dry and elevated.

Lake Erie is thirty-two miles distant from Lake Ontario. Chippawa, and the Falls of Niagara, are placed in the middle distance between these two lakes, and on the northern bank of the river. The intervening country is rich and fertile, and in many parts verging to a high state of cultivation.

The district of Chippawa is flat and marshy, and abounds in summer with noxious effluvia. At this place the river Chip-