

An Encroachment like this, with a Fort to defend it, must have been either not considered at all, or considered as an National Act of Defiance, by those who received the Intelligence. It may indeed be so long ago, that no Person now living may think himself responsible for it.

If this should be pleaded, the Apology will only pave the Way for another Inquiry, not so easily evaded. In whose Administration was CROWN POINT built? Upon whose Ground? And upon what Pretensions? What were the Views of the *French* in Building it? And what Obstruction was given on Our Part to the Execution of their Plan in this as well as the other Forts, which command the Lakes *Erie*, and *Ontario*, and the River *Ohio*.

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