

*Britain* to all *North America*, both as *prior discoverers* and *prior planters*, without a subsequent desertion.

The traders from *New York* come hither, up the *Mohawks* river, which discharges itself into *Hudsons* river; but generally go by land from *Albany*, to *Schenectady* about 20 miles from the *Mohawks* river, the carriage is but 3 miles into the river that falls into the *Oneido* lake, which discharges itself by the *Oneido* river, into the *Onondago* river, and brings their goods to *Oswego* in the manner I have before related.

We came to the town about 12 o'clock, the commissary invited us to the castle where we dined, together with the Doctor and Clerk. After dinner we had the satisfaction of swimming in the lake *Ontario*, which is some times called by our *Indians Cadarakin*, this is also the name of a french fort upon it, almost opposite to *Oswego*, N. It has 4 bastions built of stone, and is near half a mile in circumference; it stands where the waters of this lake are already formed into the river *St. Lawrence*, which makes a good road for great barks under the point of *Cadarakin Bay*. The famous and unfortunate *Mr. De la Sale* had two barks which remains sunk there to this day.

These lakes are said to have a kind of flux and reflux peculiar, since it is affirmed to be sensibly ebb and flood several times in a quarter of an hour, tho' it be perfectly smooth and scarce