

ant pass. They have likewise lately built a magazine upon the river side immediately above the great fall, in order to lodge their goods and stores, that they are obliged to transport by land from their fort below the fall to this storehouse; the distance between which is reckoned twenty miles. These are the only settlements they have at *Niagara*, where the country is mountainous and barren, unfit for culture for the most part. But not far from it the country is more fruitful on the sides of the lakes *Ontario* and *Erie*. These lakes are here about 36 miles asunder; to wit, 8 miles from lake *Ontario* to the fording place in the river of *Niagara*, and as far from thence to the great fall; from which it is reckoned 20 or 22 miles to lake *Erie*, and the river is navigable the whole way, with only a small rippling nigh the entrance of the lake. These accounts I have from some of our people who have been all over those parts.

But at *le Detroit* the French have a more considerable settlement, ever since they usurped that place contrary to treaty with the Indians in 1700. Some of our people who were there in 1750 and 51 report, that the French had there about thirty or forty plantations or farms, in a fine champaign country, with about 5 or 600 people, and three villages of Indians; one of *Hurons*, called by our people

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