

Early the next Year, the French marched to a small English Fort at the Forks of *Mohongahala*, lower down the River *Ohio*; garrisoned by a small Number of People from *Virginia*, who were obliged to surrender upon Terms on the first Summons.

Some Time after the same Year, a Body of eleven Hundred Men, French and Indians attacked Major *Washington*, Commander of the *Virginia* Forces, whose Corps consisted of but about three Hundred Men, & obliged him to surrender upon Articles of Capitulation.

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They the River *Oubafche*, is nothing more than a Ripling. It takes its Rise in the Country of the *Iroquois*, & runs upon the Back of the English Settlements, & after a Course of more than 200 Leagues, according to the Accounts of the Indian Traders, it is joined by the River *Oubafche*, & after a Course of 80 Leagues more, it falls into the River *Mississippi*. In its Course it receives many Rivers from the North and the South: The *Savannahs* or *Interval Lands* adjoining to this, and some of the other Rivers, that run into it, are in many Places of such large Extent, that it is agreed by all, they form a compleat Horizon. The Country about it, abounds with Deer, Moose, Elks, &c. the Climate temperate, & the Soil fruitful and easy of Cultivation. The far greater Number of the Indians, live upon those Branches of this River that come into it from the Northward, and still further to the Northward; the English Settlements are to the Southward: This River therefore with the River *St. Lawrence*, and the intervening Lakes, form a perfect Communication between *Quebec* and *Mississippi*, and a Line of Separation when filled with French Forts and Settlements between the far greater Number of the Indians, and the English Settlements.

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