

sonal Safety) the great Chain of Forts and Posts on our vast extended Frontier; by examining, with his own Eye, the Conveniencies and Inconveniencies of the numerous navigable Rivers, the Navigation and Harbours of the Lakes, the Nature, Length, and Difficulties of the Portages * and Defiles, which must be passed on the different Communications: I say it is necessary that he should examine these Things with his own Eye; for otherwise, by Ignorance, or false Accounts, he may be led into a thousand Measures, UNNECESSARY, PERNICIOUS, and EXTRAVAGANT; such as making *an erroneous Distribution of his Troops, barrastring them to no Purpose, building expensive Forts, where they are not material; neglecting others that are; throwing away*

* The Distances from one navigable Water to another, over which Boats are carried by Land.