

Since the Treaty of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, they have erected several more Fortresses in the Country of the *Iroquois* : One upon the North Side of the Lake *Ontario*, directly opposite to the English Fort at *Oswego* on the South Side, (called by them Fort *Trunto*) at the Place where the Indians, that come by the North Side of the Lakes, used to pass this Lake in order to Trade at *Oswego*. They have built a large strong Stone trading House between the Lakes *Erie* and *Ontario*, to the Westward of the great Falls of *Niagara*, to prevent the Indians passing the South Side of the Lakes to *Oswego*.

In the Year 1753, they marched a large armed Force, consisting of Regulars, Militia and Indians, from *Mont-Real* into the Country of the *Iroquois* ; altho' forbid by the Indians by three several Messages, and threatned to destroy all the Indians that should oppose them : The same Year they built two Forts, one upon a River that empties itself into the Lake *Erie*, the other at fifteen Miles distance on the River *Obdus*, which falls into the River *Ohio*.*

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* The River *Ohio*, in the Indian Language, means the same as *Belle Riviere* in the French. It is a smooth easy River, not interrupted with Falls ; for what is called the Falls near where it is joined by the