

the lands lying between those rivers, which both parties claimed. There were about 1000 warriors on each side. The condition of the fight was, that the victors should possess the lands in dispute. The grandeur of the prize was peculiarly calculated to inflame the ardor of savage minds. The contest commenced about sunrise.— Both parties fought desperately. The Wabash warriors came off conquerors, having *seven* men left alive at sunset, and their adversaries, the Mississippians, but *five*. This battle was fought near fifty years before their acquaintance with white men.” (Webster’s Gazetteer, 1817, page 69.)

It is possible, whoever the authors of these great works, were, or however long they may have lived on the continent, that they may have, in the same way, by intestine feuds and wars, weakened themselves, so that when the Tartars, Scythians, and descendants of the *ten* lost tribes, came across the Straits of Bhering, that they fell an easy prey, to those fierce and savage northern hordes.

It is not likely, that the vast warlike preparations which extend over the whole continent, south of certain places in Canada, were thrown up, all of a sudden, on a *first* discovery of a *strange* enemy ; for it might be inquired, how should they know of such a mode of defence, unless they had acquired it in the course of ages, arising from necessity or caprice ; but it is probable they were constructed to defend against the invasions of each other ; being of various origin and separate interests, as was much the situation of the ancient nations in every part of the world.

Petty tribes of the same origin, over the whole earth, have been found to wage perpetual war against each other, from motives of avarice, power, or hatred. In the most *ancient* eras of the history of man, little *walled* towns, which were raised for the security of a few families, under a chief, king, or patriarch, are known to have existed ; which is evidence of the disjointed and unharmonious state of human society ; out of which, wars, rapine, and plunder, arose : such may have been the state of man in America, before the Indians found their way here ; the evidence of which is, the innumerable fortifications, found every where in the western regions.

Within this fort, of which we have been speaking, found at Marietta, are elevated *squares*, situated at the corners ; some an hundred and eighty feet long, by an hundred and thirty broad, nine