

that name, who are the most powerful of all the savage tribes in North America, and possess, by right of conquest, all the territories upon the lakes, as well as upon the frontiers of Canada.

*Lake Ontario* is of considerable extent ; but, lying far to the northward, cannot be considered as an object of any importance to the United States at present, though it is so, in some degree, to Canada, on account of its fur trade.

At its northeast extremity, it has Fort Frontenac, on the south side Fort Oswego, and at the southwest end Fort Niagara, near the famous falls of that name, and one of the principal frontier places of Canada.

Beyond Montreal, on the west, the country is but thinly peopled, and the habitations of civilized life become scarce, in proportion as we advance toward the lakes, and