

“ runs through ‡.” If the French did not find any number of English on the *Obio*, when they came down that river in 1754, it was because they were obliged to retire on the approach of the French to *Beef* river in 1753.

It was never known, that the French ever set a foot upon the *Obio* before the year 1749, when they were drove out of the country by the natives, who have always been in alliance and friendship with the English; as they consist chiefly of the natives of the other parts of *Virginia*, *Maryland*, and *Pensylvania*, who have been conquered and subdued, and settled here, by the *Six Nations*, subjects of Britain, who are settled among them; and to whom all this country of right belonged, before they made it over to the crown of Britain, by several formal deeds and surrenders.

The claims of the English to the *Obio*, and all the territories about it, are founded on the following undoubted just rights and titles; 1. the discovery and seizure of all the continent of North America, long before the French or any others knew any thing of it: 2. the discoveries of all those inland countries of N. America more particularly in 1568, 1654, 1672, 1678, and from 1725 to 1740 and 1754, &c. 3. several grants of all those countries on the *Obio* to British subjects in 1584, 1609,

‡ Memoire, p 13.