

by direction of Col. Bradstreet, to cover the provisions that were brought there, in order to be transported to Oswego ; till that time, the portage from the landing at Fort Craven, had always been about three miles farther, that is, to Bull's Fort. The intermediate part of Wood Creek, between Fort Newport and Bull's Fort, never having been explored, nor esteemed navigable ; indeed in its natural state, it can only with propriety be call'd a brook or rivulet, as it has not sufficient depth of water to float even an empty batteau ; but the grounds, from whence it is supplied, being low and marshy, abounding with springs, and surrounded with small eminences ; a dam was thrown across, by which a body of water is collected ; the boats being put into the creek and loaded, are kept in readiness, and whenever a sufficient quantity of water is gather'd, the sluice is open'd, which conveys them to the next dam. Thus whenever the pond at the head has emptied itself, and that water is again discharged through the different dams below it, the boats are obliged to lay still, until they can be again floated,