

where the Battoes leave the *Mohawks* River, ^{1755.} the Land Carriage to the *Wood Creek*, in the Spring, when the Waters are high, was four Miles across, but in the Summer eight, to the Place where the *Canada* Creek falls into the *Wood Creek*; the Road extremely bad for the most part, through Swamps and Marshes; and about 60 Miles from any Inhabitants, except only two or three *Indian* Families which resided there, and kept a few Horses and Sledges to carry over the Traders Goods; that there was no House or Place to shelter Goods from the Weather, there being no Use for one, as the Traders always secured their Goods in their Battoes, so that they could not be hurt by it; and as there generally arrived at the Carrying-place no more than two or three Battoes at a time, they could always get over in one Day: That the Navigation through the *Wood Creek* to the *Oneida* Lake, which is 28 Miles, was very difficult, the Creek being then choak'd up with great Logs and Trunks of Trees, which had fallen into it; through which a narrow Passage had been cut, broad enough only to admit one of the small Battoes to pass through at a time; that from the *Oneida* Lake to *Oswego* there were many other Difficulties in the Passage; the *Onondago* River having several bad Falls and Riffs, and particularly one Fall within 12 Miles of *Oswego*, where the whole River tumbles over a perpendicular Rock of above 16 Feet high; which occasions the Battoes to
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