

terprise that may be undertaken by the subjects of the States,

*Crown Point* and *Ticonderago*, though once of Great importance, when England and France disputed for the empire of America, are no longer of that consequence they formerly were, as the superiority of the fleet of either of the nations upon the lake must ultimately decide the fate of all its dependencies, and of which those two forts are a part. The former of these commands the entrance into Lake Champlain from the south, and the other may be considered as capable of answering a similar purpose.

The larger lakes lie considerably to the northward and westward of the last mentioned districts, and being more remote from the old colonies, are less liable to become the immediate source of litigation. Some of them are of very great extent, particularly Lake Superior, which is 350 miles