

mitasses,¹ others for shirts, others for powder and shot, while some of them steal; and, when the French come down, the Savages carry Their packages of peltries for some pelts. This portage is made to Avoid the niagara Cataract, which Is the grandest sheet of water in the world, falling perpendicularly from a height of more than two or three hundred feet. This fall discharges the waters of Lakes Erié, huron, Michignan, and Superior, and consequently of all the rivers that flow into those Lakes, which Are numberless; and also of other Lakes, of which I do not know the names, and which are in the direction of the Syou [Sioux]. After passing The portage of Niagara, one ascends a river more than a quarter of a league wide, for Six Leagues, to enter into lake Erié, Which has not a very wide entrance. The road Is much more attractive on the Southern than on the Northern side; the reason why few people follow It is because it Is thirty Leagues Longer than that on the North. On either side of that Lake one is not obliged to fast, on account of The abundance of game to be found there. On the Southern side are seen buffalo, which are Not found on the Northern side. Nearly 100 leagues South of Niagara is a river which is called the Sandosquet [Sandusky], which The Savages Settled at detroit and along Lake huron follow when they go to fight The testes plattes and other nations in the direction of Carolinna—as The cheraquis, The Savages who live on the casquinanpo River and The Chauanons.² They ascend this river Sandosquet for two or three days, then they make a short portage of about a quarter of a League over a fine road; some of them make canoes of elm bark; and they then embark on a little River [the Scioto] which flows into the River Auyo [Ohio], which means “beautiful river.” It Is beautiful indeed, for it is nearly a quarter of a League wide, and has a fine current without rapids, except a Single cascade which is only half an arpent long. This river falls into the ouabache, and thence into the missysypy, forty

¹ See p. 124, note, ante.—ED.

² That is, “the Cherokees, the tribes on the Tennessee river, and the Shawnese.”—ED.