

It has been reported to M^r Desligneris that other English traders had been to the Beautiful river and to the White river to trade, under the guidance of some Ouyatanons who were wintering there.

the two nations; see *Id.*, vi. pp. 711, 731-733, and *Penn. Colon. Recs.*, v., pp. 552-556; see also *Gist's Journals*, pp. 37, 108, 109.

Pattin left an account of his captivity, the manuscript of which is owned by the Massachusetts Historical Society, whose librarian, Dr. Samuel A. Green, has kindly furnished us with a copy, from which we extract the following:

"John Pattin of the Province of Pennsylvania, Indian Trader, says, that some time in Novr. 1750, he went with Goods a trading to the Miamis, otherwise called the Twigtree Town which lies near the head of that Western Branch of the Ohio called by the English Miamis River, but by the French *La Riv: Rochers* or *Rocky River* and is about 200 Miles by Water & 100 by land to where it empties it self into the Ohio, and from there up to Log's Town is about 450 Miles by Water that this Miami Town was computed to have about 200 fighting men, all of the Twigtree Nation settled therein and are some of those who left the french 7 or 8 Years ago in order to trade with the English. That being informed here that there were some Indians a hunting at the Cross (a place about 65 Miles from the Miamis Town where the French have erected a large Wooden Cross to be worshipped by their Traders who pass this way) he went thither & traded with them but wanting sundry Necessaries he went from thence to a Fort which the French have on the Branch of the Lake Erie called by them Miami River, thinking as there was peace between the English & French, he would be in no danger, but contrary to his expectation when he came there he was immediately seized & kept in close confined; that the River at the Fort is about three Rods wide, on the other side of which about a mile & half from the Fort is the French Miamis Town, where there are about 150 Indians the remainder of those who came over to the English as mentioned before; that the Fort is small, stock round with Pallisadoes and had at the time he was there a Capt. Lieut. & 50 Men, but that most of these men were traders, who were continually passing to & fro, & by what he could learn there were but about 9 or 10 who constantly resided there; that the French talk of destroying this Fort, & building one three Miles below on the other side of the River, in a Fork between the Miamis River & a River which leads to a Portage near the head of Wabach, that the Land from the English Miamis Town to the French Fort is for the most part