several of the whites and Indians was drowned, and Mr. Brodhead him­self thrown into an eddy near the shore, whence he was drawn senseless
by an Indian of the party."*

The surveyors were in their instructions directed to note "all
kinds of timber, wild meadows, useful plants, wild fruit trees,
hills, swamps, creeks and objects of interest generally." The
south line of Tract No. IV, was run by John Campbell and others,
in August, 1794. At a very early period, a settlement was begun
by Tiffier and others near the High Falls, east of the river, and
several families were settled. Several extensive sales were made
by Chassanis, and Tiffier to Frenchmen of the better class, who
had held property and titles in France before the revolution.
Desjardine & Co. bought 3002 acres on Point Peninsula; Odier
k Bousquet, 1500 acres on Pillar Point; Nicholas Olive (Dec.
17, 1207f) a tract of 4050 acres north of Black River and Bay;
Henry Boutin, 1000 acres around the present village of Carthage;f
C. C. Brodhead, 400 acres in the present town of Wilna,§ and
others. Among these were a conveyance dated March 31, 1801,
of 1,817 half acres in scattered lots to twenty or thirty French
people,) many of them widows of persons who had acquired an
interest in the New York Company. On the 1st of May, 1798,
James Le.Ray purchased 10,000 acres in Cortland,TT and Feb.
15, 1801, all his lands not previously sold.** Chassanis in his
early sales had reserved about 600 acres (R. 26 W. 24 and 25N.),
between the present villages of Brownville and Dexter, for the
City of Basle. The appendix of a workff printed in Paris in
1801, contains a letter relating to this company which must have
been written by one familiar with the country. The work from
which we translate, purports to have been made from an English
manuscript cast ashore on the coast of Denmark from the wreck
of the ship Morning Star, and from its romantic style it scarcely
merits notice in history. The letter is dated Sept. 4, 1800, and
is as follows;

* The body of this young man was afterwards found on a small island at the
mouth of the river to which his name was given. Mr. J. Le Ray caused
to be prepared a marble tablet to be inserted in the rocks here, with the follow­
ing inscription:

"To the memory of PETER PHAROUX, this Island is Consecrated."

fFor 1,780*49. Ranges N. 27, W. 42, 43, and part of 44, since called the
Otwa Tract. Sec. Office Rec, July 16, 1813, C. to Tiffier.
I April 2, 1798, 500 acres for £1000, and Dec. 18 1798, 500 acres. Oneida
Deeds, A. 2, p. 132.
H Oneida Deeds, 11, 233.
1 lb. Deeds F. 249.
ff Voyage dans la haute Pennsylvanie, et dans l'etat de New York, par un
membre adopté de la nation Oneida. Traduit et publié par l'auteur des
Lettret d'an Cultivateur Ameritain, 3 vols. 12m#.