

Indian. I went up as far as where the Squas from the River Huron had passed where the Mark was to be made but saw no Indian. this Branch is a strong deep Current but narrow the Course nearly South by West & the Country barren as before.

Tuesday Ap^l 6th 1790 Went forward to look out for the Portage on foot & found in nearly a south West Course up this Branch where it divides into Small Lakes & took that which runs South by West & followed it 'till it wasted in Marshes from thence Returned very fatigued having Walked very hard & met the Cannots where the Branch divides in Lakes distance about 15 Miles from where we had come in the Day. I caused them to encamp 'till the Indian might come or we could find the portage & with Morras sett off in quest of the Indian or some person to guide us & arrived nearly at the place we had marked for the Indian in hopes to find out their Camp. Night & obliged to sleep under a Tree a hard Frost & cold sleeping

Wednesday Ap^l 7th 1790. Set off[f] to find some Indian Camp & found a large Road to Nore West hoping it to lead to some Villiage but found it after leading North about 8 Miles it took a Course due West & seemed an old deep & beaten path 'till we came to a small River the Current running West. I had many Opinions that this must be the Grand River from the Current run^g contrary to all the rest pursued our Road about 8 Miles farther still run^g due West & seeing no fresh Trace we concluded it [to be] the S^t Josephs Road from Detroit & return'd to where we had cross'd the River run^g West cross'd it again & then took our Course due South to find our Cannots, & fell on a branch from the same division of Lakes run^g from West & by it joined our Cannots. determined from this to pass up this Branch as it seemed to approach the River run^g West, but to make the Matter more Sure not to leave the portage behind us I took Duarrier (after eating a little) & went to explore the Middle Branch formed from those Small Lakes run^g West by South & in about 8 Miles found it become very small & Night com^g on returned to the Cannots