

Monday Ap<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1790. Went with the Indian from our Encampment down again to take the Fork leading Nore West & arrived about Mid Day. proceeded up the Branch which turns nore North East<sup>s</sup> about four Leagues the Current very strong & nearly as wide & deep as the other part of the River from Sanscraints Villiage & on a Gravelly Bottom to a Cabbin where it divides into two Lakes<sup>9</sup> the River at this place about 20 yd<sup>s</sup> Wide & between 4 & 5 foot Water here one of those Lakes points Nore East & the other nore West the last we passed to West nore West which after a Traverse of about a League brought [us] again into a small Serpentine River run<sup>g</sup> from the same Direction about 6 Yd<sup>s</sup> Wide & about 3½ foot Water to the banks but being overflowed we had 4 or 5 feet Water. the lake unpassed is about a League each way & seemingly deep where we could see the Bottom it was a fine Gravel & Sand as also the River to about 2 Leagues up where we encamped late

Tuesday Ap<sup>l</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1790. Set off the[n] on our Rout West nore West & in about ½ a Mile it turned nearly North & in a Stream Serpentine the Banks in about every Mile varying West Nore West & to North for about 4 Leagues the stream here about 4 Yd<sup>s</sup> wide & about 3 feet Water when in the Banks we arrived at another Lake about ½ a Mile long & ¼ Mile Wide point<sup>g</sup> Nore West & South East pass'd by the Nore West point from this into Another Sm[all] Lake having a Small Lake to the Left hand or West Side, the Lake of our Rout run<sup>g</sup> North & South & our Course due North this Lake but Small abo<sup>t</sup> 250 Yd<sup>s</sup> Wide & our Course then run<sup>g</sup> in the Manner of a Small Lake Nore Nore West, leaving a Round Lake of about 2 miles round to the North or Right hand after the point

8 They were now ascending the main channel of the Huron, which Heward had left on April 5 to ascend Mill Creek. The direction followed was about due north.

9 Modern Big Portage and Base lakes, near the northern boundary of Washtenaw County. The main channel of the Huron flows through Base Lake, the more easterly of the two. Heward passed through Big Portage Lake and up Portage River (also called Hell Creek) into the southeastern corner of Ingham County, as described in the remainder of the entry for April 12 and in that for April 13.