

of this Lake passed on the north Side of another spreading Lake full of long Grass & Mush Rat Houses at the Nore West End of which the Serpentine Run took nearly South & doubled around [a] point with Trees & passed still in the Manner of a Small Lake to the South from our first Lake to day to here about 6 Miles from here about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Mile & the Course turns West Nore West Continued nearly this Course with Many Turnings but where the Stream would not be miss'd about 6 Miles to where the Run enter'd into another Lake at West. this Lake runs South East & Nore West about 200 Yd^s Wide of our Course taking the Turn to the South East. The Indian here informed me that the Carrying place was direct pointing from the Mouth of this Run which is West by South. We continued this Course 'till within abo^t $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile of a Bay at East & then took a turn up the Run which pointed Nore West being late & likely for a bad Night we encamped

Wednesday Ap^l 14th 1790. A rainy Night & wet Morning made it late before we started in about a Mile & half farther up the Run came to the portage¹⁰ which points nearly South or South by West I have gone across the portage & it seems about 2 Leagues finding it far & the provision short risolved to return to Thebeaults to get Corn sett off[f] with the Savage after paying him Duarriers Gun & a white Shirt & a little powder & shot for conducting us there & left the Men all the provisions & to pass the portage 'till my return. in about two Leagues East South East from the portage we fell into a Road where I knew & had been on foot to search for the portage while our Cannots were working in the wrong Fork from thence by the same Direction we arrived where the Cannots were when we got a Guide & return'd down to the Forks & near there we camped a Wet Night

Thursday Ap^l 15th 1790 Rose early at Day break & set off. We cross'd the Wrong Fork (so named from our going

¹⁰ Near the village of Stockbridge in southeastern Ingham County. The portage was made to Otter Creek (also called Orchard River), the northwest branch of Grand River.