

about 1 oClock passed a Villiage at the Forks where a Trader had been but he was gone took the Nore West Fork but did not stop presently a Cannot with five Indians followed us they said to beg Charity of a little Tobacco & to ask the News we gave them a little & they went away contented. Near Sun set arrived at a strong rapid & Village where we found [a] Barrel from Sagana for M^cKenzie¹⁷ he had made about 10 packs & some Sugar Camped to get some Sturgeon & Sugar the Course from Mid day nearly West South West.

Tuesday Ap^l 27th 1790 Embarked after getting some Sturgeon & passed a plain to the East in about an Hour where it appears to be a wintering place the River still larger & a good smooth Current but a North Wind strong against us the Course West & the River larger & larger to the Mouth & surrounded with Pine on all Sides with Meadows & small Lakes & very wide at the Entrance of the Lake¹⁸ where we arrived at Sun Set & found M^r Langlade¹⁹ who appear'd to be very friendly & promised to get me some Gum. Encamped on the other Side there being many Indians with him.

Wednesday Ap^l 28th 1790. Got from M^r Langlade Gum for 20/ & gave him an Order on G. Meldrum Exchanged with him two Bushels of unhull'd for hull'd Corn & set off the Wind North & by West under Sail but before Mid Day the Wind forced so as to oblige us to put into the River a Barbu²⁰ & with Difficulty got in & got some Sprays of the Swells & we there camped & unloaded to Gum the Cannots. M^r Langlade says he has 15 Men & we saw several Cannots as he was preparing to set off for Mich^l I did not see his peltrey but he said he had midling Trade & had finished

¹⁷ Probably Alexander McKenzie of Detroit, for whom see *ante*, 306. Heward's party had now reached the site of modern Grand Rapids.

¹⁸ At modern Grand Haven.

¹⁹ Evidently Charles Michel Langlade, for whom see *ante*, 72.

²⁰ This may have been modern Pigeon River, a small stream which joins Lake Michigan about eleven miles south of Grand River; if not this stream, it was modern Black Lake, at whose mouth lie Ottawa Beach and Macatawa.