

of the Pioras at the South Side of this small Lake are Seven French settled among the Indians³⁷ Augustin Fecto J. B^t Amelin Lapierre a Smith, Cap^t Mye, Deneau, & Miney & Parrant & Oullett Engages, & Diffon passed & a little farther boiled kettle for the Night & put a Drift in the poriaque.

Tuesday May 18th 1790 Rained all Day the River larger & still crowded with heavy wood of all Kinds on both Sides low flat Bottoms & the appearance of small Lakes on all sides by turns [?] but there were many kinds of Wood that we did not know & could not distinguish the Rivers coming in from the Gullies of back Water passed the Lake of Demi Quano [?] & some high Banks to the East about Mid Day & then bought a Turkey for some powder rowed & sailed by Turns 'till Night & then stop'd to boil the Kettle & Sup & then put a Drift in the perioque I steered the whole Night & had a good Drift the Course of this Day & Night nearly South.

Wednesday May 19th 1790. passed several Islands in the Night & in the Morning dry high Banks on the East & a River on the same Side afterwards came to a fine Large Meadow on the North West Side of the River opposite to a small Island in the River the Land appearing high & heavy Wood on the other side of the Meadow at the End of the next Reach about a Mile of high dry Land to the East abounding with Oak & seemingly Sandy this Ridge continues farther but is afterwards at a Distance from the River afterwards a small River from West & opposite it a high Sandy Bank to the South East with several Indian Graves upon it & followed by a piece of pretty clear dry Land to the South along the River apparently about two Miles from the high Woody Banks. a little lower came to the Cabin of a Frenchman named L'Onion but he was a hunting this about one oClock & our course down the River South by West a little farther at West a Small River round the point of a high Hill which commences high Land on the West Side. from here high Land on both Sides &

³⁷ Peoria was a center of trading activities from the earliest period of exploitation of this region by the French.