

distance above where Ottawa now stands. We crossed the river at the Rapids, and struck the Fox River which empties into the Illinois at Ottawa; followed up the Fox River to Mequanego, and there found a great many Pottawattamie Indians. They were rather ugly in appearance, and threatened to kill my cattle. I told them if they killed my cattle I would kill them; and then I unstrapped my rifle, cocked and primed it, and then told them to fire on my drove if they wished, but they finally thought best not to trouble me. Thence I went to Big Foot Lake, and thence to where Waukesha now is, where I found three or four hundred Indians with some of whom I was acquainted. They informed me that some of the Winnebagoes had been to their village with their war-wampum, inviting the Pottawattamies to join them in war against the pale faces. My intention had been to go with my drove through the country to Winnebago Lake, and thence to Green Bay. Had I pursued that route, I should have had to pass through the Winnebago country, which the Pottawattamies advised me not to do. After reflection, I concluded to steer my course for Lake Michigan, in reaching which I had to pass through swamps and marshes. I struck the Lake where Port Washington, or Ozaukee, now is. We were out of provisions, except fresh beef, and had been for a long time. I was compelled to kill a young creature every two or three days; we had no salt, and the weather was so warm, that the meat soon spoiled, and we had nothing whatever to eat with it.

We followed the Lake shore to Sheboygan, where we tarried a few days to recruit the cattle; and while there, young Arndt left us for the Bay, where he probably thought he would fare better. We next aimed at Manitowoc; and at Pine River the trail or path passed near the bank of the Lake. I had heavy packs on my blind horse which I got from the Worcester County gentleman; and unfortunately in his blindness he struck his pack against a tree, which gave a lee lurch, and over the bank he went some eighty feet down to the Lake shore, before