

he did not know for when he told me that there was 150 or 160 bags of corn belonging to Pollitt Chaboly 20 Leagues up the grand River but supposed the man who was taking care of it had no canos to send it down the river; he also told me that there was 200 bags of corn there in cack [cache] belonging to M^r Legons who fitted him out with goods last year but as he had sent him no men nor cano this fall as he expected it must remain there this winter as the indeans in whose possession it was had all left that place for their wintering ground. I enquired if he heard any news of the Rebels; he told me that there was not any news of them upon which I determined to go in the grand River & doo my indeavour to get that corn of Chaboleys; the remainder of this night a fresh breeze from the N. N. E Cloudy weather. At day light this morning we weigh'd anchor & stood for the grand River S S E a wind from the East; at 10 A M we cam in the river about 2 cabbell lengths & moored her with the anchor on the shoar the Bank being steep too so that we stept from the vessels gunwale on the shoar; the narrowest part of the river at the entrance is about 70 or 80 yards wide 3 & 4 fathoms deep, upon the bare is 2 fathoms. I imeadetlay sent M^r Gautly with 3 hands in the boat up 4 Leagues to the first indean village in purpose to see if it was possible to get canos to fetch down the corn.

Nothing more this 24 hours.

Remarks on Monday 1st September 1779— At 12 this day a fresh Breeze from the N. W. At 12 this night M^r Gautly returned but saw no indeans although he was 6 leagues up the River, therefore saw it was truth which the indeans at Mishigon had told us that they had all left the Lake side upon account of some distemper of which a great many had died; the negro at the River Mishigon also told me that, none of the tradders had yett passd for the grand River nor the Kikanamago [Kalamazoo].

I therefore determined to gett out of the river as soon as possible the season looking like winter with showers of snow and squals of wind from the N W.