

father the English at Mishlimakna; the Indeans also told us that they had but a very poor crop this year & that they understood that their father suffred no merchandise to come there this winter; they had hid away all their corn for this winter but would fetch it to Michilmakna and trade it in the spring without they had goods sent them; they also told us that they had sent for Monsieur Fay which is at a place called the Deux Rivers [Two Rivers] 18 Leauges from Millwakey to the north; he has 2 Canos of goods from the commetee, but he said it was against his orders to go amongst them, or they suposd so as no trader had ever wintered at that place. Before Monsieur S<sup>r</sup> Pier said that he believed there might be between 200 & 300 bags of corn to trade there in the spring he said that he raised between 40 & 50 bags for his owen use which was all that him & his 2 men had to live upon this winter; he also said that the indeans owed him about 80 or 100 bags & that they waited untill such time as he had merchandize & then they would pay their old debts and take new; he made interest with M<sup>r</sup> Gautley for a kegg of Rum for which he give 15 bags of corn which I received on board for government; the keg of Rum was sent on board to be delivered to the indeans of the grand River, but we could meet with none there; at 4 this afternoon I despatched the 3 indeans with M<sup>r</sup> Morny give them 3 pieces of pork & some peas for which they were thankfull & went on shore. We imeadly weighed anchor and sett sail for Mitchilimakina, a fresh breeze from the S S W and hezey I steard N. N E a course which I suposed would fetch the Manatoo Islands.

Remarks on Fraday 5 November 1779 — At 12 this day saw the island of Manatoo about 2 leauges ahead the wind hauling to the N. W and squally handed the square Sail & Topsail at sun down we cam too anchor under the lee of the Northmost these islands it looking verry blak to North I did not think it prudent to proceed further, for there is severall shoalds off from Wabashaus point which would be impossible to avoid in a dark night. at 12 this night the wind more moderate we weighed anchor and kept under Easey sail all this night.