

British, they Talked strongly of creating it into a rum plantation. Drummond's Island is not high and is a Barren rock on which the British when they gave up Michelemackinac to our government in 1815, retired to and Built a fort Barracks, but have since intirely evacuated and the island is now Tenantless. We now and then saw a few Indian Lodges by the river who wholly live on fish. As to wild game the country is said to be destitute of; rarely a moos and sometimes a Rain Deer, or, as they are called by the natives, ———, is Taken.

7th. Saturday morning, weighed anchor at daylight and arived at the fort at the foot of the rapids about 5 o'clock. 46 soldiers besides some officers landed. Mr. Schoolcraft's family also, being their place of residence. He is Indian agent at that place. The fort is handsomely situated on the west side of the river, picketed in with cedar posts 12 feet high a Block house at the north west and south east commanding all sides of the fort. There is a number of Houses without the fort, some covered roof and sides with cedar Bark, besides many French & Indian lodges made of flags wove Together like mats and set up end wise for the sides and covered with Birch Bark and made round like a stack of hay half done. There is a Missionary establish[ment] at this place by Elder Bingham, a regular Baptist. They are building now, are somewhat in a prosperous condition.

At 2 o'clock we left the Sault de St. Marie to return down the river. With the current and a fair wind we made great headway except in Lake George, where [we] again got out of the channel and with some difficulty and delay we got right and proceeded To Michalamakanak, where [we] arived about sun rise on Sunday.

8th. before breakfast Visited the fort and went to Fort Holmes on the summit of the Island and over looks every part of the Island. It has been evacuated and probably will never be wanted except in case of war.

There [are] evident marks of the waters having receded more than 20 feet in the process of time and a more healthy place I think there is not in the world. The Buildings in the fort are one story & a half high, framed and sided up