

SATURDAY, May 27.

Rose at 4, breakfasted and at half p. 6 embarked. In a short time came into the Ship channel. Hursons Island lies opposit to our encampment. Passed several houses. The land appears fertile and the farms comfortable. The river is beautiful; The banks descend gently to the waters edge, covered with fine thrifty timber.

Course E.—Passed point O'Chene at 8 o'clock — — course N. E. Passed south channel, South Island to the west, kept main channel. Foxe's Creek to the left, small. Got out of the canoe and walked to the settlement. Wind changes to the south — — for the first time fair. Passed Belle River, 10 miles from encampment. Sailed 5 miles farther put in and dined at 12.

Proceeded on course N. 15 E. River about 1000 yards wide—banks from 3 to 15 ft. course changed due N. Passed Town of St. Clair  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 2 P. M. dist. 6 m. Considerable pine timber on the shore above and below the Town. Came to Elk Island, 4 m. at 3 P. M. At the foot of the Island on the canadian shore on which we passed up, is a large Indian Village. On the American [side] Meldrim & Parks creek empties in. The channel on either side of the Island is good, that on the Amer. is rather the largest. Course N. The Island is fine land, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles long and  $\frac{1}{4}$  broad. There are a few indian huts on it. Came up to Bunce's place  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5, to which we had kept nearly a N. course. From thence our course lay N. E. until doubling a point near to Gratiot, we resumed our course N. The timber is generally from a short distance below the Town of St. Clair to Gratiot, oak, hickory, birch, beech, maple, whitewood and pine. We arrived at Gratiot at 6 P. M. It is situated on a Bay, the water of which is a strong rapid. It is with great difficulty that any craft passes the point  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles below the fort, the current passing around it with great velocity. The point and the whole of the bank

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with masts and sails, and a small United States pennant to each, so that the brigade, when in motion, and led as it usually was, by the chanting canoe-men, had a formidable and animated appearance."—Ed.