

called Point au Barque creek.<sup>1</sup> The rocks here are chiefly sandstone—very soft.

FRIDAY, June 2.

Embarked at 5. Steered to a point 1 mile from the creek, from which to Sugar Loaf point the distance is four miles. At the bottom of the bay between these points is Pigeon River, a small stream not navigable. Two miles farther is point du Chapeau, to which from the first point our course was S. 70 W. The next pt. we made was point au Chene, on the same course, distance 5 miles. We landed in the bay between these two points, to breakfast. Picked many wintergreen berries, most and largest I ever saw—size of a red cherry, 5 to ten on a stem. The land is white sand ridges swamps intervening at the distance of from 1 to 2 miles. The timber is pine, hemlock, poplar, sycamore, birch & oak.

From point au Chene we steered across the Bay, making first to Mackinac Island of the Bay,<sup>2</sup> distance 15 miles, course N. N. W. From point au chene "Grand pt au Sable on the E. of Sag. Bay" is seen farther up the bay the course to which is S. 50 W. distant about 15 miles.<sup>3</sup> Off the pt. lies an Island which is easily mistaken for the point at this distance. In fact the point is hardly distinguishable from it until you have crossed nearly over to Mackinac when their distance from each other is discovered. There being little wind we had a fortunate time in crossing the Bay—the swells were very light. But [it] is seldom canoes can cross here. The Island of Mackinac is an oblong figure about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles long and  $\frac{1}{4}$  broad. Its soil is good but not deep, the limestone, of which the island is composed approaches nearly to the surface. There is scarcely any timber on it but *hickory* and *pine*. Large quantities of fish are caught on its shores. We passed at the foot of the Island. Two miles above this a small Island,<sup>4</sup> and on the west side within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile another.

<sup>1</sup> About the site of the present Port Austin, Huron Co., Mich.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> Charity Island, on modern maps.—Ed.

<sup>3</sup> Apparently the present Sand Point.—Ed.

<sup>4</sup> Little Charity Island.—Ed.