

At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 at night we encamped on a high sandy beach, 20 miles from Presque Isle.

TUESDAY, June 6.

We rose at day break & embarked.

Fifteen miles from Swan river is Wau-qui-og, or Deep bay,¹ into which a river of the same name empties, navigable for boats & canoes only a short distance. This river is frequented by the Indians for hunting beaver.

Bois Blanc, or white wood Island, called by the Indians Ke-tin-a-gung, is 18 miles long and 6 m. wide. Nearly opposite to this Island on the west there is Sha-baw-e-gunning² bay into which empties a river of the same name. It rises in a lake.³

Although the wind was high, we determined if possible to reach Mackinac this day. At the head of Bois blanc lies round Island on which Trowbridge, Chase, Riley & myself landed and walked across opposite to Mackinac, where we again got into the canoe and passed over to Mackinac, two miles, where we arrived at sun set. Whole distance of travel this day 60 miles.⁴

Off the upper end of Bois Blanc about 10 miles distant, on the main [land] is a saw mill. The timber around it is pine.

JUNE 7, WEDNESDAY.

Mackinac is situated nine miles from point St. Ignace on the N. W. and twelve miles from the shore on the S. E. From the Island the entrance into Lake Michigan is plainly seen at about 15 miles distant. The summit of the Island is 265 feet above the water, as measured by Capt. Douglass, and on it is situated Fort Holmes, now abandoned by our troops. Fort Holmes commands the entrance into the har-

¹ Now known as Hammond's Bay.— Ed.

² Cheboygan.— Ed.

³ Mullet Lake.— Ed.

⁴ *Schoolcraft* (p. 53): "The distance by ship [from Detroit] is usually estimated at three hundred miles; by following the indentations of the coast, and entering Saganaw Bay, we found it three hundred and sixty."— Ed.