

we remained until the afternoon, when the wind ceasing and the fog passing off, the canoes were reloaded, and we being about to embark, a canoe came up with 12 *voyageurs*, sent by Mr. Brooks, with letters for the party. I however recd. none.

Proceeding on, the beach became sandy and the banks at least 70 ft. high. We encamped *in the sand* (for it was half leg deep) before sun set. Between our encampment and the bank is a pool of water, which can scarcely be passed. Capt. Douglass & myself crossed it however, and ascended the bank with difficulty it being almost perpendicular though covered with timber. Arrived at its summit we descended into a hollow, and then rose another bank about the same height of the first. In like manner they rose successively as far as the eye could reach nearly upon an equal level. The land was timbered with pine, hemlock, spruce, mountain ash, birch & soft maple.

TUESDAY, June 20.

Our course this morning was S. 50 W. 3 miles to a point, then S. 75 W. to a point 1 m. then S. 70 W. 3 miles to a point, then S. 55 W. to a point at the Grand Marais 21 miles from the Two hearted river. The kind of timber which most predominates on this shore is pine, white and yellow. It is occasionally interspersed with birch. The shore is in no instance high or bold. If there is a marrais here it is not seen in passing along the shore of the lake. Boats and Canoes might find a safe and convenient harbor here and vessels also except from winds from the lake. Opposite the lower point, and directly towards it runs a point composed of gravel from 8 to 12 feet high. To the left of the large bay which is formed within the points, the entrance into which appear[s] sufficiently deep and wide, enters a large river as I was informed by an Indian well acquainted with this country, which runs from the east and is about 50 miles long. Immediately after passing this bay the timber is chiefly birch & beech; and wherever for 9 miles any soil appears it is