

good and the timber continues the [hard] occasionally mixed with pine. Here also commences the *Grand Sables* or Sandy hills, gradually rising to the astonishing height of 250 feet. After they have risen to about 100 feet they become bleak and bare, and seem to be continually changed by the wind. A person passing along at their base looks to their summits with astonishment. He can scarcely believe it possible that such a quantity of sand could by any means have been collected and raised to such an height. I was informed there are several small lakes on their summit, and are nearly on their level. The course of these banks is S. They extend nine miles to a point. From this to one discovered ahead is S. 58 W. Our course into the bottom of the bay between these points was S. 50 W. We however went only 3 miles and encamped on the beach in the Sand by the side of a rapid Stream of water 2 rods over. This stream rises in a lake. I coursed it for about 1 mile, in which distance the fall was at least 20 feet. Its bed is red sandstone. This stone commences at the termination of the hills.

June 21. WEDNESDAY.

At 10 o'clock last night the most tremendous storm arose I ever witnessed. It came on from the N. W. and directly on the shore where we were encamped. From the continued flashes of lightning the Lake appeared on fire. The wind was so strong it was with the utmost difficulty we kept up our tent—the Governors was blown down and also one or two others. Lightning struck several times near us. The waves rolled up to the mouth of our tent, and completely over the Governors wetting all his baggage and the gentlemen with him. I sat at the mouth of our tent until after 3 to see that the waves did not reach our baggage. Between 10 & 11 A. M. we embarked. In 9 miles we came to what are the pictured (portaille) rocks. These are 12 miles in extent. They are graywacke, or sand and pebbles cemented by lime; and the minerals and other matter between the strata have run out, and given the rocks various and very singular colours. A green like that running from