

We wished some of them to accompany us to the copper on this river. After a talk and some presents 4 of them consented, with whom, the Gov. Capt. Douglass, Mr. Schoolcraft, Doct. Wolcott, Lieut. Mackay and myself departed in two canoes (our smallest) up the river. We had proceeded about 4 miles when we came to a wier made by the Indians across the river, on which there were 6 Indians fishing for sturgeon. Here they set with a hook fastened on a long pole and when they feel a fish running against it, they draw it up suddenly which forces the hook into the belly of the fish. In this manner they take great quantities, and in fact, the Indians around here appear to subsist entirely upon sturgeon. Still they are the most fleshy and best looking Indians I have ever seen. We obtained 3 sturgeon for a little tobacco, and proceeded on 2 miles farther, and encamped at sun set. Sand flies and musquitoes *in abundance*.

WEDNESDAY, June 28.

We rose and embarked at half past 3 o'clock. Having gone about two miles up a very strong current, and frequently a rapid, the Indians informed us there was a path leading across from that place to the copper mine—that it was a good level path, there being but one hill in the whole distance—that it would be impossible to reach the mine in canoes and that we should be compelled to walk at least 6 miles. It was therefore concluded that Capt. Douglass, Mr. Schoolcraft, Doct. Wolcott and myself with two of the men & 2 Indians as guides should take the path, but before the Indians would consent they were very anxious to know our numbers. In this and frequently on our rout they showed how very suspicious they were of us. A few minutes before 7 we started taking a few pieces of biscuits in our pockets, and without having ate a morsel of anything for breakfast. We immediately found ourselves at the foot of a very high mountain which we as-

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of Tshweetshweesh-ke-wa, or the Plover, and Kundekund, the Net Buoy, was found on the west bank of the river, near its mouth, the chiefs and warriors of which received us in the most friendly manner.”—Ed.