

eral dances. At these they always expect a little tobacco and whiskey, and that is the sole object of one, called the begging dance.

One young fellow dressed himself up—that is painted and decorated his person with ornaments—went into the Govs. tent and made a long speech to him. He closed very unexpectedly by saying—"he did not know that he had spoken correctly or as he ought, he had spoken his thoughts. His father, he said, died when he was very young, and before he had taught him how to speak to his great Father. If any thing was badly said he hoped it would be forgiven." His countenance, his address, his whole appearance was so modest and unassuming that there were none present who did not admire and respect him. A flag and a medal were given to him, with which he appeared much pleased, and pledged his friendship for our country by giving us about 2 fathoms of wampum.

FRIDAY, June 30.

Killed a great number of pigeons this morning. Strong wind ahead all day.

SATURDAY, July 1.

Early this morning we embarked, the wind ahead though not very strong. In 15 miles we came to Iron river a stream of good size being about 4 rods wide at its mouth. It empties at the bottom of a bay 4 miles deep and 15 across. The next stream of size we passed was Carp river 15 miles farther, not as large as the Iron. It is particularly noted for passing over the porcupine mountains. This range of mountains is from 900 to 1000 feet high as computed by Capt. Douglass, and extended the whole of this days travel. We saw them from the portage at Ke-weenauneigh. Six miles from this is Presque Isle river. This stream appears to have formerly emptied by 2 mouths with a small Island in the middle, one of which appears to have been obstructed and almost joined the Island to the main land. On the left side the water still makes up a considerable distance. In passing the channel a fall of