

to have it amicably and speedily settled. I hope they will do justice to us. If they do not—I can command many men—I may do something for which I shall afterwards be sorry, and by which they will long remember me." The Gov. advised him, and he promised, to settle the difficulty without shedding any more blood.

We had not proceeded far before we ran upon several sand-bars in the middle of the river which we passed with some difficulty. These bars are continually rising in the middle of the river, and in some places putting almost across it, so as to throw the water against the banks on each side.

At 7 we encamped on the S. W. side of the river, and opposite the mouth of Black River. I ascended the hill which rose directly in rear of our tents, and it was 1000 paces from the waters edge to its summit. From this point I had a view of the country to the East. The bottom through which the Black River ran, appeared to be about 10 miles long, and 5 broad, and heavily timbered with hard wood. It appeared also as though two streams joined this river, one above the South and the other from the North, before its confluence with the Mississippi, and a short distance above its mouth. About 12 miles up this river is a saw mill, at which a considerable lumber is cut.¹

Whole distance to day 72 miles.

SATURDAY, August 5.

At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 we embarked, as day was dawning.

Latitude of Prairie du Chien $43^{\circ} 3' 20''$.²

¹ Schoolcraft (p. 166): "At the rapids of Black River, which enters opposite our encampment, a saw-mill, we were informed, had been erected by an inhabitant of Prairie du Chien. Thus the empire of the arts has begun to make its way into these regions, and proclaims the advance of a heavy civilization into a valley which has heretofore only resounded to the savage war-whoop"—ED.

² Doty's journal here ceases; further particulars are obtainable from Schoolcraft's *Narrative*. The party arrived at Prairie du Chien at 6 P. M. "The prairie," says Schoolcraft (p. 167), "is most eligibly situated along the margin of the stream, above whose floods it is elevated. It consists of a heavy stratum of diluvian pebbles and boulders, which is