

would otherwise swell the river. Hence it is manifest that dams can be constructed in Fox River, either for the purpose of improving the navigation or for military purposes, with great ease and economy.

Ascending from Little Butte the river deviates from its general course, and in coasting the island toward the entrance to the lake, which is three miles above the Butte, the course is nearly due east. This Island¹ is about a mile in length, and contains about four hundred acres of land, which for depth and richness of soil is equal to any in the Territory of Michigan. It is covered with a heavy growth of Hickory, Oak, Butter nut and Bass wood, with the exception of about forty acres at the upper end of the Island, which is a fine, clear field ready for the plough. The main channel of the river, ascending, is on the right or S. W. side of the Island, and enters the Lake on the West side, about two miles from its northern extremity. From this channel or *outlet* to the branch on the other side of the Island, at its mouth, the distance is about half a mile. There are strong rapids on both sides of the Island, upon which are excellent sites for any kind of water works. This valuable Island is within the United States purchase.

Winnebago Lake is an uncommonly beautiful sheet of water, somewhat of an oval form, extending longitudinally from North to South, about thirty-five miles, and is from six to fifteen miles wide. There is only one island on this Lake²—it is about twelve miles above the outlet and nine below the entrance of Fox river, within two hundred yards of the West shore. There is a fine channel, between the Island (*which is high and rocky, containing about twenty acres*), and the main shore, which, hereafter, will furnish an important harbor for the vessels on the Lake. The country ceded to the United States, bordering this Lake on the north, east and south, is composed of the very best limestone land, and will be most likely to attract the attention of emigrants

¹ Doty's Island.—ED.

² Called "Garlic Island" by early white settlers, but now "Island Park."—ED.