

above this Bay there is another basin, called "Little Sturgeon Bay," which is probably eight miles in circumference. There is also a ledge of rocks approaches the shore of this Bay, and rises into a considerable bluff near its mouth. The land extending back and in the vicinity of this Bay is also very fertile, and is well timbered. Both big and little Sturgeon Bays possess many fascinations which must attract the notice of men of enterprise and capital, when the land is offered for sale by the government. They contain fine harbors, and, especially Big Sturgeon Bay, will be found a commodious and beautiful Port. They are nearly surrounded by a country of the richest soil, watered by numerous springs from the mountain, a short distance back, and the best stone that can be required for building, may be had in any quantities, in the immediate neighborhood; as well as wood, of the best quality and growth of the country.

The distance from Little Sturgeon Bay to Fort Howard is about thirty five miles, and the country above increases in beauty. About twelve miles below the Fort, there is a very conspicuous promontory, called the *Red Banks*<sup>1</sup> — they are, at the highest point, about a hundred feet above the level of the Bay. The ground on these banks presents the appearance of having once been under cultivation, probably by the early French settlers; and one place evidently bears vestiges of fortifications of some kind. I have not heard these appearances accounted for by the Indians or the present French settlers. The ground from the summit of these banks, gradually descends in going back from the

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<sup>1</sup>See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ii, pp. 491-494; iii, pp. 203, 204; xiii, pp. 457, 458, 466, for Indian legends of the Red Banks. Indian earthworks were found in considerable numbers at the Red Banks, by the first white settlers; but the erosion of the face of this considerable cliff of clay has been so great that all have disappeared save a faint trace on the southern approach. Red Banks is now occupied by numerous summer cottages, owned by citizens of Green Bay, the settlement being indifferently known as "Benderville" and "Kish-ke-kwan-te-no" — the latter being supposed to mean, in the Menomonee tongue, "sloping to the cedars;" in the rear of the cliff is a cedar swamp.— Ed.