

lying along their northerly boundary, for a location further south, I presume the government can procure an extension of the purchase from the Menominies in a direction S. W. from the upper boundary of the tract given to these Tribes, by the Treaty.

The Menominies have selected the location, upon which *they* desire their improvements authorized by the Treaty, to be made. This location is at the Big Butte des Morts, on the Fox river, about twelve miles above its entrance into Winnebago Lake. It is a judicious selection; being on a considerable elevation, rising gradually from the river, and presenting a healthy and beautiful appearance. The soil has the appearance of being very fertile, and easily cultivated. Their settlement I presume, will extend along the prairies some distance back from Winnebago Lake in the direction of Fox river below the lake; and their mills will probably be erected on the river below, unless a more convenient site be found on Wolf river, of which I am not informed. Fox river, between the Butte and its entrance into Winnebago, is literally covered with rice; its course is nearly due east, and the channel in most places is narrow. About six miles below the Butte the river opens into a very pretty lake, probably eight miles in circumference, called "Lake Wing."

From the entrance of Fox river into Winnebago Lake, to the southerly extremity of the Lake at Fond du lac river, the distance is about fifteen miles, and the course S. E. The country bordering this Lake between these rivers, is claimed and occupied by Winnebagoes. The land that I examined on the margin of the Lake equals any in the vicinity of Fond du lac, in fertility — and there [are] several bold and beautiful points of land, with ten feet [of] water within a few yards of the shore. This tract, judging from its location, I am induced to think is of very little importance to this Tribe; and if their title was extinguished by the United States, and the Menominee Treaty ratified, the government would have the disposal of the whole country from the Lake by the way of Green Bay to the Mississippi.