

years, for superstitious reasons. The native inhabitants had then built a town on the Mississippi at La Prairies les Chiens (or Dog Plains), where there were now three hundred families.<sup>98</sup> Horses were to be seen here. The village was the site of a great mart, it being a neutral trading ground, even for tribes elsewhere at war.

At Yellow River, the traders took up winter quarters, and Carver with two servants began ascending the Mississippi in a small canoe. November 1, he entered Lake Pepin and remarked the ruins of a French factory where Captain St. Pierre formerly resided.<sup>99</sup> In this neighborhood he noted and described some Indian mounds.

Near the St. Croix, Carver first met the Sioux, whom he calls Naudowessie Indians, and mediated between them and a band of hostile Chippewa.<sup>1</sup> Thirty miles below the falls of St. Anthony he passed the cave later given his name. At St. Pierre (or Wadapawmenesotor) River<sup>2</sup> he left his canoe, because of ice, and travelled on foot to the falls, where he was impressed with the devotions of a Winnebago "prince." Con-

<sup>98</sup> There appears to have been a Fox Indian, known to the French as "Le Chien" (Dog), from whom this village took its name. Little, however, is known of this chieftain, and that is traditional. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix, pp. 283, 293.—Ed.

<sup>99</sup> Yellow River is a small stream in Allamakee County, Iowa, emptying into the Mississippi about two miles above Prairie du Chien.

For this Sioux post see *ante*. p. 33, note 49. St. Pierre was commandant here, 1734-37; see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, pp. 267-274. For its location, see *Id.*, x, pp. 371, 372. It would seem probable, from traditional evidence, that Marin's fort (1750-56) was on the east bank of Lake Pepin; *Id.*, ix, p. 286.—Ed.

<sup>1</sup> Carver's connection with the peace claimed to have been arranged between the Sioux and Chippewa, would seem to indicate that he may have been concerned in Rogers's plot. Sir William Johnson, in particular, animadverts against the great expense incurred in adjusting this peace and its temporary character; consult, *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, vii, pp. 966, 969, 989, viii, p. 94; and Rogers's *Journals*, pp. 222, 227.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> For an early expedition to St. Peter's River, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 286-300.—Ed.