

a Rattel snake at his call which the Indans Could order into a Box for that purpos as a Peat [pet].<sup>57</sup> This frenchman was a Solder in the troops that ware stasioned at the Elenoas [Illinois]. He was a Sentanal. At the Magasean of Powder he Deserted his Post & toock his Boate up the Miseurea [Missouri] among the Indans and Spent Maney years among them. He Larnt Maney Langwedgeis and from Steap to Steap he Got among the Mandans whare he found Sum french traders who Belongd to the french factorey at fort Lorain on the Read River.<sup>58</sup> This factorey Belongd to the french traders of Cannaday. These people toock Pinneshon to the factorey with them and the Consarn toock him into thare Sarvais til the Hole Cuntrey was Given up to the English and he then Came into thare Sarvis. The french Strove to take him up for his Desarson But fald. However thay Orderd him to be Hung in Efacea [effigy] Which was Dun. This is the Acount he Gives of himself. I Have Hard it from his One Lips as he has Bin Relating his adventures to others. He found Carver on this Spot Going without undirstanding either french or Indan & full of Enquirey threw his Man who Sarved him as an Interptar & thought it a Proper Opertunity to ad Sumthing more to his adventures and Make his Bost of it after which I have Haird Meney times it hurt Carver much hearing such things & Putting Confadens in them while he is Govner. He Gave a Good a Count of the Small Part of the Western Cuntrey he saw But when he a Leudes to Hearsase he flies from facts in two Maney Instances.

After Two Days Hard Labor We Gits our Canoes at the carring plase with all Our Goods and Incampt on the Bank of the River Wisconstan and Gumd our Canoes fit to descend that River. About Midday we Imbarkt. The River is a Gentel Glideing Streame and a Considerabell Distans to the first Villeg which Lise on the North Side. The River Runs near west from the Portage to the Missippey. Its a Gentel Glideing

<sup>57</sup> See *ante*, p. 282, note 95.—ED.

<sup>58</sup> For Fort La Reine see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 427.—ED.