

and contained in all 318 houses and 7 tents, inhabited by Mandan and Willow Indians in about equal numbers; and the number of the Willow Indians in another place in his notes (there called Fall Indians) is placed at 2,200—2,500. He remained at these villages till January 10th, trying to induce the Indians to come north to trade, but with very little success, as they were afraid of the Sioux. While here he wrote down a vocabulary of the Mandan language, containing about 375 words.

On January 10th, 1798, he left the villages, but being delayed by severe storms, it was the 24th before he reached the Souris River, and February 3rd when he arrived at McDonald's House at the mouth of Souris River.

There he remained till February 25th, plotting his work and preparing for a long trip on foot to connect the waters of the Red River and the Mississippi, and thence over to Lake Superior, a trip which his companions ridiculed as being impossible to accomplish before the advent of summer. On February 25th, however, he started out on foot with a dog team, and descended the Assiniboine to its mouth, making as he always did, a survey of his route; passing on his way Pine Fort and Poplar House both of which had been abandoned; and some houses a little below the portage to Lake Manitoba. On March 7th he reached the mouth of the Assiniboine, and, walking on the ice, turned up Red River; and on the 9th reached Rat Brook, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile up which was the old N. W. Coy's House of Mr. Chaboillez. On March 14th, he reached the house of Mr. Charles Chaboillez, at the mouth of the Summerberry or Pembina River, in Lat. $48^{\circ} 58' 29''$, where he stayed till March 21st. He then continued up the Red River past a N. W. Coy's House, kept by M. Roi, and turning into Red Lake River, ascended it to the mouth of Clear River where there was a N. W. Coy's Post, kept by Baptiste Cadotte. After trying for several days to proceed further on foot, he was obliged to return to this place and wait for the breaking up of the ice. He places this Post in Lat. $47^{\circ} 54' 21''$, Long. $97^{\circ} 45'$. On the 9th of April he started up the Clear River with three men in a canoe, on the 11th passed the mouth of Wild Rice River; on the 15th, carried across to the Red Lake River, and reached Red Lake on the 17th, at a point which he places in Lat. $47^{\circ} 58' 15''$, Long. $96^{\circ} 30'$. From here he turned southward, and after carrying over several portages and through small brooks and lakes he reached Turtle