

24th. *Lewis* and I hired a guide to go with us to *Oswego* for 16s. Our intention was more to get provisions for our journey home, than to gratify our curiosity. In the mean time, *Conrad* stayed at *Onondago*, to treat with the *Indian* chiefs about the skirmish in *Virginia*; with a view to incline them singly in favour of our application, before they assembled in council: and here I cannot help observing, it was scarcely ever known, that an *Indian Chief* or *Councillor*, once gained so far as to promise him interest, did break his promise, whatever presents have been offered him from another quarter.

We travelled on foot to the *Onondago* lake, whence we had fetched the salt water the day before, there we procured a bark canoe at half an hour after eleven, then paddled down the lake, and reached the lower end in two hours course, N. W. This lake the *French* call *Ganentaha*; hence we went down the river a mile N. big enough to carry a large boat, if the trees fallen into it were but carried away, this brought us to the river from the *Cayuga* country, near 100 yards wide, very still, and so deep we could see no bottom, the land on both sides very rich and low to within a mile of the *Oneido* river, whence the river began to run swift, and the bottom became visible, tho' at a good depth. At three o'clock we came to the last mention'd river, down which the *Albany* trader come to *Oswego*, half
a mile