

Saturday, 21st—Found it necessary this morning to decamp as early as possible. Wind S. S. W. The storm had increased excessively, and had now raised the river to a quick running current.* However, all made very good way against it, and as the storm and stream argmented, we thought it best not to quit the boat for any repast till we put up for the night. Carried by one waterfall only this day. The wind increased to an almost hurricane the latter part of the day. The trees tumbling on all quarters that rendered our passage not only exceeding difficult, but very dangerous. At sunset we arrived at the encampment of Col. Greene and his division, who were waiting for provisions ere they could proceed. As the wind continued very heavy, the danger of encamping among the trees was thought great. However, we selected the most open place we could find, and then pitched our tent, and with a great deal of difficulty procured a fire by about [8] in the evening, which, however, was of little use to us, as not desiring to be in the tent on account of the continued fall of trees. Storm abated about 12 o'clock, and the weather became fair, after which I obtained a little rest, though in *Balneum Frigidum*.

Sunday, 22d.—We were in motion this morning by light. Several of our batteaux were now under water almost out of sight, in consequence of the rivers rising. From a Dead river it had now become live enough. The rise of the water in this storm was computed at 10 feet. This sudden alteration in the river not only impeded our water carriage, but rendered the marching of the party by land of the utmost difficulty, as the river was no longer confined to her banks, but extended in many low, flat places, a mile or more each way upon the upland. Added to this, all the small rivulets (and they were not few) were swelled to an enormous size, as obliged the land party to trace them up for many miles till a narrow part offered, and then could only cross by felling large trees over them. This day for the first time I was obliged to come on half allowance, as the advanced party had been for several days. Our progression was exceeding gradual on account of the rapidity of the waters, that in many places we could only advance by one lying on the bow of the boat, pulling with his hands by the small bushes, while others proceeded upon the bank, holding on by the painter. Lieut. Humphreys with his whole boat's crew were overturned, lost every thing except their lives, with which they escaped very unexpectedly.

Monday, 23d.—The number of batteaux were now much decreased. Some stove to pieces against the banks, while others became so excessive leaky as obliged us to condemn them. This

*Arnold's Journal, Knapp's Life of Burr, p. 215.

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