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the foremost detachment, till the rear could get up with them. After getting my boat, baggage, &c., to this great carrying place, which was late in the afternoon, I with my lads took a load and went over in search of a small rivulet which would conduct us to the Dead River. This river is so called from its almost seeming stagnant water. This carrying place was four miles, as computed, two and a half miles of which ascending till we rose to a great height, then a sudden descent into a tedious spruce and cedar swamp, bog mire half knee high, which completed the other mile and half. Not being able to bring the whole of my equipage over this day, I sent my lads back to the remainder and continued at the small rivulet myself, making the harbor possible under the lee of my batteau, without any other covering] although a severe rain storm. This was a small serpentine, coming undoubtedly out of some heighth of land we had just passed, running a northerly course. Much deeper than wide, in most places the width did not exceed twelve feet. Surrounded with low meadow whose grass was very plenty.

Friday, 20th.—My lads with the remainder of the baggage arrived early this morning. I crawled out from under my topsy-turmed boat, ordered her launched, and boarded, proceeding down our water labyrinth into the Dead River, which was distant from this about three quarters of a mile. Still continued to rain exceeding hard. I had almost forgot to mention the sufferings of a poor ox who had continued the march with us, through all our difficulty, to this day. He was drove by two men whose business it was to get him along as fast as the army marched. That whenever we came to a pond or lake he was drove round it. Rivers and small streams he swam and forded without any difficulty. Being in the front of the army, he was ordered to fall a victim two miles up the Dead River, and each man to receive a pound as they passed. This was a very agreeable repast, as we had been principally upon salt for twelve days, and that scanty. After drawing the rations for myself and boats' crews, we proceeded up a small distance; sprung our tent upon the bank and went to cooking. As the storm of rain and wind continued to increase, and being forward of the main body of the army, I concluded to fix there for the day. In the meantime we prepared our fishing apparatus and made search for the trout, which we found in plenty of a large size, and excellent quality. With these we made a most luxurious supper, having received a few potatoes and carrots which I procured of my benefactor, Mr. Howard, up the little river Sebastieuck aforesaid, and to complete the dish, I was obliged to draw forth my small butter box containing about half a dozen pounds, which I kept closely concealed in my medicine chest, anticipating in some measure the condition were coming to. Many of the army passed us this day.