

Having thus refresh'd our selves, we continu'd our Voyage directly to the *Southern* Parts of the *Lake*. On the 16th we met with abundance of Game. A *Savage* we had with us kill'd several *Stags* and wild *Goats*, wherewith we provided our selves for several Days, and so embark'd again on the 1st of *November*. We came to the Mouth of the River of the *Miamis*, which runs from the *South* and falls into the *Lake*. Here we spent all that Month in Building a Fort, forty Foot long, and eighty broad, made with great square pieces of Timber laid one upon the other.

On the 3^d of *December* we Embark'd, being Thirty three Men in eight *Canoes*, and having row'd about Twenty five Leagues up the River *Miamis*, to the *South West*, we cou'd not find the Place where we were to Land, and carry our *Canoes* and Equipage into the River of the *Illinois*, which falls into *Mississippi*. Our *Savage* who was Hunting on the Shore, not finding us at the Place of Portage, came higher up the River, and told us we had miss'd it; so we return'd and carry'd our *Canoes* over Land, to the Head of the *Illinois* River, which is but a League and a half from that of *Miamis*. We continu'd our Course upon this River very near the whole Month of *December*; towards the End of which we arriv'd at the Village of the *Illinois*, about one Hundred and thirty Leagues from Fort *Miamis*. We found no Body in the Village, which caus'd a great Perplexity among us; for tho' we wanted Provisions, yet we durst not meddle with the *Corn* they had laid under Ground for their Subsistence, and to sow their Lands with; it being the most sensible Wrong one can do them, in their Opinion, to take some of