

taken on Goat Island, was exceedingly out of order and could not assist ye Indians to paddle against ye Strong Current, Yt Ran against us ye Greater part of ye Day, his head was So Exceedingly Swelled, with ye Squaws beating of him, yt he Could Scarcely See out of his Eyes. I had ye Good fortune to be almost well in Comparison to what he was, although it was he and I was Companions, and Sat Next to Each other, In ye Time of their Dance, and him they alwas took for my partner to knock our heads Together ye Indians asked me In what Manner ye Squaws treated us, that his head was So Exceedingly Swelled I Gave them an account, at which they feigned themselves much Disgusted, and protested they was Intierly Ignorant of ye affair, and Said they thought ye Squaws Designd Nothing Else, but only to Dance round us for a Little Diversion, without molling or hurting of us In any manner, this Night we encamped by ye Side of ye River Saint Johns, our Indians Showd me a Root, yt they Said they often made Use of for Substainance when they had no provisions, this Night we all slept with Verrey hungrey belleys.

Tuesday ye 9th. This Day we had also much falling water and Rippings\* to pass. Somtimes we was abliged to Land, and Carrey our Bagage over clefts of Rocks, and trees &c, that was in our way. This day ye Indians told me we Should arrive Near to another Indian Village, I asked them if they Supposed they would Use us in ye manner we had been, at ye other Village they made me no answer, but Said Something In Indian, yt Caused all ye Connews to Gather Round ye Connew yt I was in, & Discoursed in Indian what they Said I could not tell But I observed they Looked with a Verrey Serious Countenance on me, when I Saw a Convenient opportunity I spoke to this affect, Gentlemen You are all Verrey Sensible, of ye Ill Usage we met with at ye other Village, which I have Reason to believe, was Intierly Contrary to any of Your Inclinations or permission, and as you Call your Selves Christians, and men of honor, I hope you'll Use your prisoners accordingly, But I think it is Verrey Contrary to ye Nature of a Christian, to abuse men In ye manner we was at ye other Village, and I am Verrey Sensible there is no Christian Nation yt Suffers their prisoners to be abused after they have Given them quarters, In ye manner we have been, the Indians Looked verrey Serious, and approved of what I said, and Talked amongst themselves in Indian, and my master told me when we arrived to ye Indian Village I must mind to keep Clost by him. This Night we

\* Probably the Meductie Falls are here referred to.