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The town of Detroit is situated on the west-  
ern bank of the strait, nine miles below lake  
St. Clair, and eighteen above Brownstown.—  
The town contains about two hundred houses,  
which are inhabited by more than one thou-  
sand two hundred souls; under one roof, are  
often crowded several families. The town  
stands contiguous to the river, on the top of  
the bank, which are here about twenty feet  
high. There are several wooden wharves ex-  
tending into the river upwards of one hun-  
dred feet, for the accommodation of the ship-  
ping; the largest was built by the United  
States, and is found very convenient for the  
unloading of vessels. The principal streets  
run parallel with the river, and intersected  
by cross streets at right angles. They are  
wide, but not being paved, are extremely  
muddy in wet weather; but for the accommo-  
dation of passengers, there are foot ways in  
most of them, formed of square logs. Every  
house has a garden attached to it; the build-  
ings are mostly framed, though there are sever-  
al elegant stone and brick buildings. Be-  
fore the great fire in 1806, the town was sur-  
rounded by a strong stockade, through which  
there were four gates; two of them open to  
the wharves, the others to the land; this de-  
fence was intended to repel the attacks of the  
Indians.