

rapid : in two places, we had to carry the canoe and baggage. Weather fine and warm all day. Thermometer, 56. 69. 50 °.

Sunday, 11th—We were again on the water, a little after 6 A.M. going up rapid after rapid. I went by land, and took short cuts, over hill and dale, striking the River at intervals. At noon I came to the foot of a long and bad rapid, where I lit a fire, and waited for the men. They did not arrive till 4 P. M. with the canoe half full of water, and entirely discouraged. Seeing they were so much disheartened, and with a long and difficult rapid before us, to which we could see no end. I came to the resolution of returning, considering that it would be only losing time to continue labouring up this River. We therefore embarked at 5 P. M. to run down the River, and at seven found ourselves at Harris's Saw Mill, where we put up for the night. It rained, and finding no person here, we slept in the Mill. All our things being wet, we made a fire in a stove we found here, to dry them through the night. Thermometer, 65. 70. and 63 °.

Sunday, 12th—Embarked again at six A. M. and run down the River. At 9 A. M. we were at the upper Bridge, where we found three cabins of Abenakis Indians. I engaged one of them to show me the winter road from this to Anse St. Jean, on the River Saguenay, and sent my two men down to Mr. Chaperon's for more provisions. In the afternoon it rained hard. My men did not return to day, and I took lodgings at Mr. Alexander McNicol's for the night. Thermometer, 65. 70. and 63 °.

Monday, 13th—Early this morning my two men arrived with a supply of provisions, and every thing being put in readiness, and being joined by my Abenakis guide, at 8 A. M. we began our march once more in the bush. For some time we followed an old road that the inhabitants had made to haul wood and timber out; then we entered a burnt field between two ranges of high mountains, which we followed till we encamped at 6 P. M. At this place we were about two leagues from the Seigniorial line of Malbay. We travelled about four leagues to day, all the way over burnt ground, overgrown with brushwood, chiefly young spruce. We had, for the most part, to walk upon fallen trees, crossing each other, three or four feet high, and upon large stones, round which the earth is all burnt to ashes. The fire seems equally to have passed over the mountains. What wood I saw to day