

should have to pass,—we encamped in a swampy bottom of excellent Land, but too confined, except as connected with our former route (see Plan,) to be regarded as of much importance. The River Kialoskatora, before mentioned, runs through this valley.—A violent thunder storm visited us this evening, with heavy rain.

On the 8th, detained all day by deluges of rain and more thunder; but on the 9th proceeded towards Lake St. Guillaume. On this and the following day we discovered the extraordinary errors and omissions of M'Carthy's Diagram. Though continually arriving at Lakes and Streams, and actually finding a Line, all which ought to have been Landmarks, so utterly false are these parts on paper, that we could not once make out our position. In our route we again crossed the Kiooliyatentiaon, which now swelled by the rains to a roaring torrent, falls into the grand Lake, and which is not remarked on the Map, though a Line actually crosses over it. On the 10th, arrived at Lake St. Guillaume, where we found our men lately arrived with provisions from Craig's clearing, and there we encamped. The whole country passed over between River Ste. Anne and Lake St. Guillaume, excepting the bottom lately mentioned, and some little improvement of soil and Timber towards the Lake, may be considered utterly unfit for settlement; not from any particular difficulties in regard to its mountainous character, though rugged enough, but from its absolute badness and sterility. Rock and Sand are its uninterrupted features, not a patch of tolerable ground did we observe, nor any other trees than miserable Spruces, Balsams, White Birch, and occasionally Larches. The whole tract too, is embarrassed by extensive wind-falls, which must here be frequent and very violent, whole sides of the hills having been left bare. It is indeed the most desolate tract we have yet visited, and we are firmly persuaded that nothing will ever be likely to induce settlement in this quarter.—This character, the Chief informs us, extends far to the Eastward, the only variety being that towards the Jacques Cartier. In Tewkesbury the Mountains swell out into grander masses, but are altogether unsuitable to the purposes of Agriculture. All the Rocks we have yet seen are Granite; sometimes one of the materials composing it preponderates and sometimes the other. We selected a few specimens of the different kinds.

An Inspection of our provisions, on July the eleventh, convinced us that in order to do as much as possible while they lasted, it  
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