

## DIARY OF JOHN STRICKLAND

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On the 5 day of April 1830 I set out for America with John Simpson for my companion we went that day as far as Tadcaster and there lodged the first night

6th we set out on foot again and went about a mile and a half to the other side of Halifax

7th we set out on foot and when we had got to this side of Blackstone it rained very heavy and I was beginning to be foot sore we still kept persevering on till we came to Rochdale and then we took our fare to Manchester on the coach we then took to foot again we did not walk far before we got into a cart and rode to Warrington we then went 3 or 4 miles and stopped at a lodging house

8th we set off early and this morning we came to Liverpool our boxes did not this day so we both took over to Cheshire

9 this day being good Friday our boxes did not come so we went to the Roman Catholic Chapel where I was surprised to see what superstition reigned in the world

10 we went this day to all the carriers we could find and still could hear nothing of them we were then tired of walking and as we were walking on the pier we thought we would go to the light house in Cheshire to pass the time so we did and then came back and went to our old lodgings again

11 this day John Simpson set out to seek our boxes I pass the day as I could the forenoon I walked on the shore the afternoon I went to the church and at night I went to the Methodist meeting

12 I spent this day in walking about

13 I spent this much like the rest

14 Wednesday this day John came back I had for got to mention that the boxes came on Monday John had been as far as Leeds we then took our fare in Water Street No. 22 for America

15 this day we got our beds in and lodged at night in the ship

16 this day we got in most of our store

17 we are doing on like the rest and the ship will go out sometime

18 this day I wrote a letter and directed it to Emanuel at forenoon and at the afternoon I went to the church

19 this day we past in the ship

20 we should have gone out today but the weather being so rainy they cargo could not be got in

21 we are here yet

22 O how long the time looks that we were off

23 this day it rained all the day through

24 the Canada should have gone out to day I met George Wood of Nutholme

25 this day I was stalled with being in the town and did not go to church

26 the Captan came to take the hospitle money and to l, d us we should go of to morrow

27 I this day wrote any last farewell to my Mother sisters and Brothers telling them I was going at 3 oclock but we went at 2 there is a 156 of us in number we this day went out into the river I was in the best hart that I had been in since I left home

28 the Wind Blows fair it is a fine Morning all seems to be in good hart here is both English Irish Welch Scotch Etalicks americans and Duch we are a very jovil lot all together about 12 o'clock the anchor was heaved in and we set sail with a soath east wind I stoped on deck till my head ached looking towards my native shore I then went between decks and with a kind of joy mixed with hope and fear I lay myself down on my bed with the thoughts of all my old acquaintances in my mind and put down these few words I then went on deck again to see if I still could see old England but it was then out of sight we were on the coast of wales

29 I awoke this morning in a midling state of health I har, d some say we were pafsing Holy heard so I got up to see it I then got the Brecrefast fit but falling sick I was not able to take any we has a good south east wind and this day we came in sight of the coave of man and Ireland

30th this morning we were both of us very sick the wind was much the same

May the 1st this morning the wind was west and it came on a storm and the wind being contrary we made but a little progrefs I this day saw what I oft har, d tell of here the waves rowl, d so high that when a vefsill was pafsing us we were often out of sight one of the other

2 sunday morning this was a very fine day the wind being south east we got on at a good rate

3 this morning the wind was the same this day we saw a bird hovring over the ship at last it lef in the riggin and still keep, t ventering nearer till at last it let on the deck and was soon pick, d up it was land bird we all thought it was a corlew

4 the wind still keeps south east and we keep rowling on

5th we have been a week the first that ever I was on the sea before and we have had a prosperous journey so far this morning the wind had got North east and Blew a good breeze they heaved the log and found we were going at the rate of 10 miles a hour

6 this day the wind had got near North west and we if ought were rather stopt in our progress

7th this morning the wind had got North and we sailed west south west and went at a good speed it has been rough for a day or two we had seen neither birds nor ships of 3 or 4 days and this day we have seen Both

8th this day the wind was north west and we sailed south west by west it blew a good breeze and we came within 100 miles of the western Isles

9th this morning the wind was west and we were obliged to sail north the wind altered before night and we sailed north west I this day saw some purple pigs this forenoon we were saying that the cuckoo would be singing it was so fine a morning so I made the following lines

No cuckoo have we got to sing  
 No lark sweet marbles of the spring But all  
 that we can hear or see  
 Is gulls and mothercaries flee Then let us  
 hasten to the shore Then we will come to  
 sea no more Then we shall hear them sing  
 always And so with pleasure end our days

10th this morning the wind was south west but turned soon north west we sailed slowly westward this day we saw several fishes

11th this morning the sea was as calm as a pond in the afternoon the wind Blew from the south west and we sailed north west

12th this day the wind was much the same and at night it came on a storm and awoke us all I thought at first that the ship was sinking

13 this morning the ship roiled till one could hardly it was a calm after a storm we had no wind this day we say some purposes to day

14th this morning the wind blew south west and we sailed north west it came on roughish today

15th this morning the wind was much the same it was a real storm today towards night the wind changed north west and we sailed west south west in the morning the wind was so violent it tore away the fore sail and threw the man down at the Wheel

16 it was a fine day today the wind was north west and we sailed west south west this day we saw a piece of wood flote by us we see fishes every day

17th this morning the wind Blew south and we sailed west north west the sea was very calm and we glided on with pleasure we saw to a kind of fishes today one find from a foot and a half to 2 feet in length and the other ones were much larger this day we had all cleaned out and the Captan burnt Vinegar and sugar in the howl to prevent sicknefs

18th this day the wind was north west and we sailed south west by west

19th this day the wind was much the same we held the Asises to day. towards night the wind got more west

20th this morning when I got up I went to the Compos to see what way we were going when I found we headed almost south at 8 oclock they altered the tack and with a west wind we sailed almost full north I was not very well today.

21th the wind was nearly west all this day we sailed about. north west in the forenoon and came to the banks of New Newfoundland fishery in the afternoon we turned nearly south west there is one thing I had forgot to mention a few nights ago I went upon deck after it was dark and was surprised to see all round us like sparks of fire fly out of the sea and this night I went on deck as I often did and to my great astonishment as far as I could see on both sides all seemed to be on great fiers like burning Ling what the reason of this was I can not tell so I must let it go to where all the rest of unfoundout misteries do I dream't this night Margaret was dead which made me wonder in my mind how you all were geting on and put in my hart a secret wish to know if you were all well

22th we left the Banks this morning the wind was much the same we sailed northward in the forenoon and south ward in the after noon. we saw 3 ships to day we had not seen one of 6 days before the wind keeps very much a heard o[ us and our pafsage seems as if it would be a long one

23rd this day we had a fair wind and a smouth sea we tuched on the torrent which runs from Gulf Florida this forenoon the Captan gave a glafs of Brandy to all on Board about 6 o'clock at night the wind got north and we sailed 1 point south

24 the wind this morning was nearly the same but before noon it got east and we sailed on with pleasure this day the Captain gave a Hogshead of fresh warter to wash with towards night the wind got south and we went at a good rate

25th this day the wind was south this morning between 12 & 1 o'clock I was awoke out of my sléep With a voice saying O poor lad he is dead the voice at first struck me with terror I being half asleep and half awake I thought it was my Mother that was murmuring about me but when I awoke I found that a little boy belonging to a poor taylor was dead he was about 9 months old in the afternoon he was sowed up and put into a Cask they filled the Cask coles and water and all being ready he was committed to the deep a man of the name of Thomas Batty read the Buiral servis

we saw the Cask flote on the surface but was soon out of sight

26 this morning the wind was south but soon turned north and continued to all the day and was extremely cold

27th this morning the wind was north it was a very fine day it came on a storm last night and broke down many of the beds I think it was the roughest bit we have had

28th this day the wind was north east and we sailed west it a very fine day we saw 3 ships and had not seen one since last mentioned last night we saw fishes by hundred's skipping about like shiip you may think when you read this that I was in the old way as I wrote this on the Bowspreet this day towards Night we saw a shaul fishes I think I may safely say there were more in number than ever I saw sheep at a fair in my life

29th this morning it rained very hard but faired up by 10 oclock and was a very fine day we saw a ship a heard of us by six in the morning she was steering the same way that we were and we came up with her by 5 or 6 at night the wind was fair and it was a fine chase we saw several fishes today there were sum very large ones rowled by us

30th this morning the wind was south east and blew a good breeze this forenoon we swarms of fishes sevrul that were of an enormos sise they plom'd today but found no bottom toward's night we saw a shark lying on the water

31st it rained very heavy all night and in the morning it was thick and foggy the wind had got into the west but soon got north me and the second mate sounded this morning and it was 33 fathoms and at noon they sounded again and it was 45 fathoms to the bottom and found that it was a sandy bottom the plum fetched up in the morning pieces of shells and at noon it was black and white sand

June 1st this morning the wind was fair this morning me and my companion went to the foretop gallent yard to see for Land which we thought we saw at a great distance the steward went about 1/2 an hour afterward and called out Land a her,d the mate went up afterward,s but the fogg prevented him from seeing it. it was a pleasing sound to us but the fogg came in so thick that we could not see far at night they sounded again it was 25 fathoms and a sand bottom

2nd this morning is a morning ever to be remembered by us all at 12 the second mate sound and it was 15 fathoms it then being the first mate Watch and not being on his gard he fell asleep and but for one of the sailors we had run a shore as soon as the danger was made known they got her put about they then sounded and found that it was only six fathoms we then sailed eastward and after the danger was over we turned on our corse again It was the North end of Long Isle were we had like to have run ashore we saw several brigs and sum fishing boat to day and had Land in view most of the day I was not very well and it being Kirby fair we got a bottle of Brandy

3rd this morning all was calm till about noon it then blew a south wind and in about an hour or so we came in sight of Land again we soon came in sight of sandy hook and every eye glem,d with pleasure at the sight it was but a small breese and we could not go fast in the evening they hoisted the Coller (?) for a Pilote and after it got dark we hung a light to the Bowspreet but still the Pilote did not come we were then coming so near the shore and water running shallow they did not think it proper to go any further so they the mate then fired of a report and a Vefsel that we saw behind us soon made up to us it was the news Boat they then fired for 10 or more times at last we saw a Boat coming toward us which proved to be the Pilote they sailed on a little distance and then heaved the Anchor it was a very fine moon light night and a uncommon sweet air as is of a clover feild I went to bed about 12 at night

4th this morning about 4 o'clock the Anchor was heaved in and we proceeded up the Hook the wind was contrary and we did not get far before the Anchor was heaved again within sight of 6 or more dwelling houses and several feild,s and woods which made our journey look pleasenter than ever it had done before it was a calm all the rest of the day and rained very heavy the costum house officer came on board about 12 o'clock

5th this day about 10 o'clock a breese came on and we set sail and about 12 o'clock we reached the Corenteen and the doctor came on board we were all in good hearlth and so we went on till we came to New York after the Docter had pafsed us me and my companion sent into the howl to Drefs and when come out we had just got to New York as we went up the river it was very delightful to see the Forts on both sides of the river as soon as the anchor was heave we both went on shor with sum other pafsengers and went to a Groecer shop and sum sider and milk and bread we then went a crofs the east river to Brooklin to Thomas Cook,s and after we had got our tea we took a walk through town and then came back and Lodged at Thomas Cooks that night

6th this morning we went acrofs the river for somethings John went to the Freind meeting we came back to Mr. Cooks and in the afternoon we took a walk into the feild,s the corn and grafs got up so high we wondred were we had spent the summer everything looked as pleasent as in England and sumthink pleasenter in the evening we both went to the Methodist Chapel and then retired to rest

7th this morning me and my companion left Brooklin for New York and when we had got aboard the Ferry we meet with William Frankland we were very glad to see one another again as we all in Liverpool together he wanted sum help to get his Thrashing musheen out of the Warehouse so we went with him we then got our Baggage of the Envoy and put them on board a tow boat to go to Albany on Tusday we had been throng and did not get over to Brooklin tonight so we stoped on the tow boat

8th this day was a busy day with us we went over to Brooklin in the morning to write a letter and in the afternoon we came to New York to get the price of sum things and finished our letter I got sum soverings changed for 4 Dollors and 70 sent a piece

we posted our letter in the old Liner Packet Office and then went on board the towboat William Frankland came to bid farewell to us the boat did not get out till it was dark

9th O what new world is this with Rocks and Craggs on either hand and now and then a wooden house if America be all like this well might poor Noble come home again it is a fine day and still for all its barren and rugged appearance it is very pleasant there was two towboats and the steamer all together was 28 yard across it was like a little Isle all moving together it keeps growing pleasanter as we get further up I think there would be between

2 and 300 of us but nearer 3 than 2 we had a band of Music among us and when we went by Newburg they played a few tunes and the people on shore fired two or 5 times it is very mountainous but still it grows better when we came as far as Hudson the current ran very rapid against us we have not seen much very large wood yet.

10 we arrived this morning between 12 and 1 o'clock at Albany it rained very heavy all this morning and we took our fair to Utica for 90 cents we went into the market before we went off and bought a Quarter of veal at 2 and a 1/2 cents per lb. Beef was from 4 cents to 8 cents per lb. we then set out for Utica we were 21 in Number and two of us were Children that went free we were all of the ship Envoy but a man and his wife as we went on the land

we saw some middling good Land we saw some people clearing a field they had hewn down the trees about knee height and was harring among the stumps when we had got a little further we saw a field of Wheat shot out we have now got among plenty of wood about

6 o'clock we passed Troy it was a pleasant night and me and my Companion set out on foot time they got through the Locks we walked up by the Canal side till we came to the Mohawk we then left the side of the Canal and walked through the wood till we came to the Banks of the river it was moon light and we could not see as much as we wished to do after we had walked a little way up we came to the Falls where we both were astonished to see what a tremendous crash it fell into the Chasm below and caused a spray to raise that would soon have wet us through our Clothes we then went till we met the boat and I went to bed but had not been there long before I was called up to see the aqueduct where the canal crossed the Mohawk I don't now how many arches there was it being dark

11th this morning when I got up we had got up to the second aqueduct there was 17 arches we walked on the canal was cut out of the solid rock we came to Conecticut about 9 o'clock the Land here in general is good one of our passengers had 95 Dollars bidden for a year but did not accept it about 11 o'clock we came to a small aqueduct across a small stream in the afternoon we came to

2 or 3 locks some and my Companion and another Passenger took a ramble up in the woods where there was Grape trees and sugar Maples and we got some strawberries which grew in abundance we then returned to the Boat again we went along several small aqueducts in the evening we came to Squahary Creek where is a Bridge of 3 Arches and each arch has 52 yard span or more the Land all about here is very good.

12th this morning is a very fine one we came to the little falls

in the course of the forenoon the town is built on a solid rock here being sum locks, me and Simpson went to see a Saw Mill which struck uncommon quick we thought there was a good deal of improvement in her we also saw a Corn Mill which was different to those in England there one curiosity I had forgot a little before we came to the falls we saw a spring of water which streamed for 6 or 8 feet straight up this was a great curiosity to me as I always delighted in Romantic things when we had got a little further we saw sum people rearing a house so me and other 2 passengers went and helped them up with the main Booms we got sum whiskey and then went on till we came to Utica where we arrived about 7 o'clock I had a letter to liver here to William Rooks we got a Glass of whiskey with them and then went

to the Boat again here we experienced another Parting the persons we had been with us all the way from Liverpool had to leave us which was like a second leaving home we shook hands and parted they stopped and we went on most of the Land we saw to day was very good

13th this is Sunday I just write Sunday to keep in memory there is one there is little difference between Sunday and working days here this day we passed New London New Boston and several other little villages here the canal runs for above 60 miles without one lock the Land here was mostly woods and swamps toward Night we came to very good Land again

14th this morning we arrived at Syracuse here the Boat stopped awhile and we went to see a tanners house they were both tanners and Curriers when we left Syracuse we passed the salt vats and lake Onondaga we also saw a place called Liverpool and another called Jordan and several other little villages by the side of the canal the Land is good but rather mountainous the dwelling houses in general are better than in England

15th this day was the hottest we had experienced since we came about midnight the driver and horses all went into the canal together this was the second time we were in danger of being shipwrecked although this time we are sum hundreds of miles of the sea the horses were in the canal for nearly an hour about 7 o'clock we came to Clyde and about 10 o'clock to Lyons the Land is all very good but we think it is both better and cheaper further west this afternoon we arrived at Palmira 131 miles distant from Utica our Boat was going no further so we embarked on another ship which is the 4th

16th this morning we arrived at Rochester here our Captain had to attend the Grand Jury me and my Companion went to see the Genesee Falls which is just below the town it was both awful and grand it was here where poor Sam that we heard of to England jumped down and never rose again the place he jumped of was 20 feet higher than the Falls and they are said to be 100 feet themselves the Canal crosses the Genesee River in an Aqueduct made of stone we went to see a Mill where was 9 pair of stones in one floor we were struck with astonishment to see Mills in all directions and of all descriptions and water to supply as many more about 9 o'clock we left Rochester it was a very fine day and every thing looked neat and delightful

17th we arrived between 11 & 12 o'clock at Night at Gaines Bason the Boat was going no further so we had once more to go among fresh fashes we wated till 5 o'clock in the afternoon one came the land all about here is very good but dear it is from 15 to 20 dollars per acre from Palmira to Gaines Bason it is 66 miles we arrived in Reynolds Bason about 19 miles from Gaines Bason we left our Boxes in a store and walked about 2 miles to Michaels Robinson where we were kindly intreated we spent the forenoon Walking in the gardens and feilds the afternoon we helped to haw Indian corn and at night we took a walk on the Ridge Road which I had so oft heard tell off to England it is a fine ridge with a reglar decent Both ways and just wide enough on the top for a tonpike road it is about miles in length

19th. this morning we went to haw Indian corn again and in the after noon we intended to go a Squarel shutting but it came on a rain and stoped us I think the land about here is not so good as sum that we have seen but still it, s midling good

20th this morning it rained very heavy but it Cleared up about noon and we set of to Richard Dales about 8 miles west James Robinson having to come that way in the morning we left our bundels to come in the Wagon when we arrived at Richard and his wife was standing at the door of their old Log house they were very glad to see us and hear from old England having got our tea we went for the Cows to Millk & when that was done we sat down over a good Log fire and talked about all the old sprees and old acquaintance that our memries could recall till very near 2 o'clock we then went to bed not because we were out of talk but because we thought it was bedtime and after we had got to bed we still kept talking on till it struck 3 we then wished that both our relations and they's knew what a pleasent night we had enjoyed and fell asleep

21th this morning we took a walk round the Farm which is in genral very good Land we could get Land here from 11 Dollars to 20 Do per acre which depended mostly on being cleared and building about noon James Robinson came and when we had got our dinner, s we set out again acompanied with Richard Dale and James Robinson to Locport a distance of 4 miles were we saw a very handsum Mill with 4 stones time we were walking about together the time went pleasantly on but we soon had to part we left Locport about 4 past 2 o'clock and walked on toward, s the falls of Niagara it rained very heavy all the afternoon and our bundels being heavey and we being wet we only went 11 miles we Logged at a tavren were we met with very good accommodations

22 this morning it was raining still and had done all Night when we had got our breakfast, s it did not look like clearing up so we set of as it was it rained very heavy most of the forenoon and about noon it faired up a fine day the Land all on the Bank of the Niagara is of strong nature when we came within a mile or so of the Falls the ground almost trembled under us with the Falling of the water we arrived in the Village about 3 o'clock the american Falls is just below the village we went and took a view of them and then went acrofs the river and went down among the shrubs and briers till we came to the Canada or horse shoe Falls here we were entertained with Maganeficent view of the

Fall all together they are quite as wonderful as I expected and are better described than I can pretend to do we saw the place were Sam Patch leapt down. when we came to the place were people pretend to go under the stream we first one went and then the other we went with our umbrellas up and as fast as we could and as far as we could we thought we were as far as most had been we both of us got well wet with the spray after we had seen all we could at the bottom we ascended up some old broken steps to the top we looked about there a while and set out for Fort George a distance of 14 miles it was about 7 o'clock when we left the Falls we walked about 7 miles and came to a village called Queenston were we stopped that Night it was very dark and muddy and we heard the Wolves running in the woods in all directions

23 this morning we left Queenston for Fort George were we arrived about 8 o'clock and about 1 o'clock we left Fort George and went on board the steam Boat for Little York which is about 30 miles across the Lake Ontario we met with William Porter of Gillemoor and Parker of Welburn crossing the Lake at the same time we arrived at York about 6 o'clock and then set out on foot up Young Street the Land we saw this Night was mostly Pine Land and we thought not very good we walked 7 miles and lodged at an English man's house

24 it was a fine morning and we set out in good time and when we had walked about 6 miles further we called at a Tavern to get some refreshment when we went in they asked us if we were from England and on telling we where they asked us from what part saying they where from Lavington there is Millburn and they left England 13 years ago they were very pleased that we had called we stopped and got our breakfasts and dinners with them we then went about 2 miles further to one James Marsh who married one of old John Atkinson's daughters the Land we saw to day was better than that yesterday but there is more Pines in it than we liked to see we lodged at Marshes at Night

25 this morning we went to see young John Atkinson he has got a Mill with 2 run of stones and is seemingly doing well we then went to see old John Atkinson we got our dinners with him and then set out to see the Quaker settlement we went for 6 miles over a ridge of Mountain called the Oak Ridges the Land on these Ridges is in general light and sandy we at last came to where the Land grew better we went to a place called New Market about 30 miles from York the Land after we got to the Quaker settlement was very good it is the best that we have seen in Canada we stopped all Night at New Market

26th this morning I was awake with it Thundering I think I never heard it Thunder nor saw it Lighten so in my life before when we got up we walked about 2 miles and called at a house to see a Trashing Machine which was made nearby like these in England we arrived at Mr. Marches about 2 o'clock and after we had got our dinner we went to see a Farm that was to sell we liked the situation very well the Land was good and a Creek runs through it as we returned through the Bush we shot a Partridge we also got a Pidgeon as we went

27 this morning we set out for Robert Dawson's they told us it

was about 18 miles it Thundred and rained most of the way and we rambled in the wood sum times right and sumtimes Wrong from 7 in the morn to 9 at Night were we found a kind of a Tavr in about 4 miles of still we were both tired and wet and so we took our Lodgings no little pleased with our day journey for when we got a fair calculation we found we had gone the 14 miles in 14 hour

28 our night,s rest was as good as our day,s journey for we were so bitten with Buggs that we could not sleep we got up in good time and paid 1s and 6d each for our refreshment and then Paddled out the other 4 miles I sat in the house most of the day Robert Dawson,s were all well and in good spirit,s

29 this day we ment to have had a Bee but our men disapointed us so we walked round the farm to see the crops which looked very good in the afternoon Francis Dawson and his wife came and we got a good talk about Old England and the poor slaves that still remained their in

30th this day we had our Bee this was the first Log house that ever I helped to build at night I was at one of the name of Knagg,s that came out of Bransdale I cannot speak much in the favour of this man for poor fellow he has got bit by a venomos worn called the stilling worm and I think that it will prove fatle

July 1st we ment to have proceed on our journey to day but hearing that John Petch from Bransdale lived not far we went to see him but when we got their we saw nobody but his he being at York and would not be back before it was dark we then went to one Francis Dawson and spent the afternoon the Land that we saw to day was mostly very good and all that I wanted was my Mother and of the Famely and then all that ever I saw in my life before should niver make me leave america as we were returning home we meet a woman who asked if we were the two new comers on telling her we were she asked if we knew William Webster at Bellend we told her we did she then said he is my husband,s Brother so we went into the house and got a sup Bitter,s with them as they call it George Webster,s wife is sumthing related to Chapman,s of the Ewy Caat (?)

2nd this morning we prepared for our journey again and before we got of John Petch came to see us we stop,t an hour or so talking the old over again and then set out Robertt Dawson went with us a few miles when we came to Dundas street we Called to see one Boyes that went out of Bilsdale we then proceeded on our way we thought as we had been at York we would go by Land round the Lake head we walked this day up Dundas street about 30 miles above York the Land by the road is sandy in sum places and swampy in other,s

3rd this morning we arived in Hambleton about 40 miles from York here we were both of us foot sore so that we could not walk any further so we determined to take the stage and either go to the Black Rock and then take the Lake or else go through by Land acordingly we took our fair by Land from Hambleton to sandwich about 200 miles for 5 Do each the Land about here is of a light

sandy nature we spent the rest of the day on the shore of the Lake

4th this forenoon I went to the Methodist chapel the Coach did not go of till 2 after we had got two or or three miles of the Land grew better and kept mending all the way we went to a place called Bradford which is situated by the side of the Grand river about 25 miles from Hambleton we stoped to night

5 this morning we got up about 2 oclock to go on journey but to our sad misfurtun our Coach had turned into a Waggon but however it was very well she turned into nothing wors as there was nothing better we went about 22 miles before they changed the Land here mostly belonged to the Government sum of it was sandy loomy nature and the rest was hard wood Land and very good it might be bought of the Goverment for 2 Do per acre and is with in 20 miles of Bradford were there both a good Market and water convance our next stage was 18 miles through the Township of Oxford this is an old setteled Country and here is good Land but at a Dearer rate there is a market in Oxford and wheat is almost as dear there as at York but they make nothing of there Butter our next stage was about 20 miles the first 9 miles I neither know what Township nor wether it was Government Land or on but it was all Pine and good for nothing the rest of the way it was mostly take up and much better we came into the Township of Westminster before we stopt at night

6th we set of again at ½ past 2 in the morning we got a fresh Waggon the road was very rough the Land this stage which was 18 miles was of a sandy nature our next stage was 13 miles this Crowned all the traveling I ever saw in my life our Waggon had no cover and we Winded about first by one tree and then another and every now and then a piece of Cordoy Roy fit to Clash the very Breath out the Land was sumthink better it was most of it goverment Land and very thingly settled our next stage was 25 miles on the Bank,s of the River Thames the Land was midling good in sume places and light and sandy in others sume of this belonged to the Goverment and sume to the Indian,s we crofsed over a plain were was onse an Indian village but was burnt down in the war by the Yankes there is now a Village belonging to the Indian,s on the south side of the road called the Moravian Village after this we came to some fine feilds of Wheat almost Ripe at last we came to the inn where we had to stop

7th we set off about 8 past 1 in the morning and about 7 we got our breakfast,s with an Old Preist out of England I dont know how long this stage nor neither of the other 2 when we had done our breaktast,s we set of again like Christian and Pliable we traveled on the Land was good and the midows and Corn feild,s with the River on the right hand made it pleasant to behold we traveled on for a few miles and came to the edge of a swamp that is over flow,d with Lake st. Clair now like Christian and Pliable when they came to the slough of dispond there way lay through it and 10 miles did our,s through this it was about 4 miles through and we were for the most to the Wagon body in water when we had got to the midle our hind axle tree broke but happely we spied it before we were thrown into the mud we had to stop where we were till the driver went and brought with him another Carrage

we then got off in safety and the rest of our journey we had better road we arrived at a Tavern opposite Detroit after it was dark it was 3 miles further to Sandwich but as it was there we wanted to be we did not go any further we then took the Boat and went across the River to Detroit we paid 1s each for going over the River we got Lodgings just where we landed

8th this morning we went to the Land office to get directions for one George Boyes that went from Kirbymoore side after we had got Directions we set off and when we had got just out of the town we overtook a Dutch woman driving a cart we asked her if she could direct us to Shipman mill she did not rightly understand our Language and we did not understand her but we thought we had to go the way she was going so we went but to our sad misfortune we were led wrong we went first from one house and then to another but they were all either French or Dutch and we could get no information we at last got into the right road and went on till we came to a Methodist Meeting that was left desolate the man that built it had proved a herring and it being in the wood the Wolf soon devoured the sheep the sight of this put me in mind of What I once was I was grieved to see it so but I was as bad I went into it and wrote on the forsaken Pulpit Remember for all this thou shalt be brought into Judgement I took the hint and I hope that if ever he looks in again he may too we then traveled on enquiring the way of all we met till called at a Tavern and enquired the way the we had got 3 miles past the road end already we then like Christian were obliged to retrace our steps backward we went back a little way and took a cross 4 or 5 miles we just got through before it was dark as the road was bad to hit we to our Lodgings at a Farmers house by the road side

9th this morning we went to Georges Boyse it was about 2 miles off where we stopped we got our breakfast with them and then set off again as we were treading along I gave John my umbrella and an Old stick in my hand and went into a yard and asked the master if I could get a few days work he asked me what I could do I told him I could do any kind of Farmers business he told me he would give me 12 Do a Month for too or 3 months I told him it was too little he then said that he should want a man and if I could do he would give me that the year round however we did not agree so I went on and overtook John we then went on a few miles and as there was no Tavern near we went into a thicket and lay down and fell asleep till morning

10th this morning we awoke in good spirits as if we had been in a house we went on about 8 miles further and came to Ypsalanti the so far is middling good but after got past here it was all openings and the timber that was on it was oak and lickerly and of a light and sandy nature in the afternoon we called to see an English man out of the County of Kent but he was not at home we then went to the next Tavern and stopped all the night

11th the joiner this morning went to work as on another day and so did we on our journey after we left the Tavern we past some poor folow looking huts in the forenoon but in the afternoon there was no houses but Taverns and they were very thinly set the Land this day that we saw was good for nothing it was all

hills and Lakes we came at last to place called a tavren and stopt that night there was as many Lodgers as could stand in the house

12th this morning we set of again and traveled over plain,s and through wood,s there was was niver ahouse nearer one another than 5,8 and 10 miles it was very lonesum and the Land not so good as we expected to find it

13 this morning we found a Rattle snake lying in the road John watched it till I got a stick and killed it soon after this we came to cold water river here hapned to be a cano which we paddled over in we came at 2 or more rivers without Bridges

14 this day we arived at the white Pidgen about noon we went through Sturgeses Prary which is a very good Prary when we got to the Pidgen we thought we would try for some work Simpson qot work at well sinking and I went to a farmers house and got promise of work the next day

14 and 15 I was hawing corn

16 this forenoon we had death among us in our little famely and took away a child I was at my old work in forenoon but in the afternoon I dug the grave I was the first but on Saxton in that part

17 this day we had a Sermon in the forenoon and then the Preacher took the coffin and we all followed to the grave which was just in the wood edge under an oak tree there was two sticks put acrofs the grave and the coffin set there on the parents looked on the it for a short time then the Father said put it in it was then let down and the grave fild in a minute the Preacher then thanked the compay for there atendance every one then returned home and the funeral was ended

18 and 19 I was at corn hawing and got done there had more for me to do but they said they wanted a well sinking

20 I undertook to sink the well

21 I got done again by noon the afternoon I spent in looking about me

22 this day I saw above 100 Indians of the scoces Tribe & it was the best show I ever saw in my life in the afternoon I set of to see scenery round a distance of 18 miles it got dark of me and I lost the road just before I got to the Prary it had been some rain and I was afraid to lay down and I did not know what to do the wolves were runing on all sides in search of there prey and I was left alone I walked as fast as I could I knew where and keep groping with my hand for road at last I got to were I could see no trees I thought suerly on the Prary I walked till I was tired out and could nither find tree nor house so I lay down to rest I had not lay long before I heard the ringing of a cow bell I went by the sound till I found a little hut they were gone to bed but they readily turned out to see what was at the door, I told them I was lost they then got sum of the children

out of bed and lay them on a blanket on the floor I then got my super and went to bed

23rd I got up this morning in good spirits and gave them 1s and 6d for my refreshment I had a letter to carry to the justis of Peace they an Esquire and when I got to the house if the Esquire was in the house they said no did I want to see him I did not want to him but as he was the first Esquire I had heard of I thought I should like to see what Esquires were like in Michigan so I said yes I wanted to speak to him they told me that was him in yon feild when I got to him he was pulling flax without either shoes or stockings or hankerchief with his shirt neck slipping over his shoulders I livered my letter and then I had done I saw a little Difference between a squire in the Terrytory of Michagan and a squire in Yorkshire, the West side of the Prairy is most of it taken up I think it the best prairy that I've seen paticular on the west side it is 8 miles long and in sum places 6 miles broad about the middle stand a large Plump of trees and about 1 mile to the west there is another smaller it is about 48 miles round on the west side it is sorounded with hard wood such as white wood elm Beach Maple and Bafswood the rest that I saw Mostly Oak and lckery having seen all I could I set of back again and came about 10 miles

24 this morning I got up as soon as I could see I was almost woired with Mifs Keetys I got to the white Pidgen in good time I got my dinner today at Mr. Coatses and at Night I was at my old Lodging

25 this day I took sum wheat to cut

26 it came on rain to day I could not get to work

27 and 28 I finished my job and went to Sturges Prairy

30 and 31 you may think it rather odd I have not had the 29 day in my account but it is owing to me having 2 l4th days I had let it run a few day and had begun with the same I had left with those 2 days I got work with Simpson and Frankland to turn the windles friday night was the awfulest for lightning that I ever saw the air seemed to be one continual blase

Agust 1st this day I wrote to my mother

2nd 3rd 4 5 I was working with Simpson and Frankland at a well

6 and 7 I was helping and English man of the name of Cade to dig a seller and took his well to dig for 50 sents per foot it is very hot weather

8th this was a very pleasent day but there is neither Church nor meeting to go to

9th this day we ment to begin our well but I was taken with the Ague

10,11,12,13,14 I was at the English man's house and got no better

15th this day Simpson went to the white Pidgeon I still got worse it was rainy early in the morning

16th this day I sent for the doctor he gave me some physic and a puke for which he charged 2 Dollars

17,18,19,20 and 21 this week has got over and I, me no better yet Simpson is digging Cade well

22 this day I think I have been rather better I had not my Chills

23,24,25 and 26 I kept in a mending way till this day I had to get to the Grand Travis to get a well rope which brought it worse than ever

27 and 28 I am quiet of all again Simpson finished the well today

29 if we are not mistaken this is Sunday but it is hard to tell Sunday from any other day for here they draugh corn or hay or works at almost any other thing

30 this day Cade had his raising and I did myself a little hurt by trying to work

31 this day I thought I would try to work for my vitals but was too weak and made myself worse,

September 1,2,3,4 all this time I was very weak and could hardly go about

5 this day I got to see Simpson who was digging a well about 2 miles off I had no chill today

6,7,8 I have kept in a mending way those 3 days I left Sturges Prairy this night and went to oxbow and slept with Simpson

9 this morning I set off for Jones Prairy about 8 miles walk I got there by little after noon but was very tired with my walk the place that I went to was fine Prairy called Jones Prairy or Uper Prairy Garten was the second man that setteled there he came from the same Place that Mr. Coats came from he was sick of the Ague at the same time

10 I this morning begun to try to work Garten had begun a well and not know how to finish it

11 this day me and Garten and Bengeman Burnel another young English man that had the Ague went to make Hay

12 this was a very cold day we all sat in the house

13,14,15 and 16 the 2 first days me and Garten tryed to finish the well but I was too weak so we got Simpson and did it the other 2

17 and 18 I was working for Simpson at a well on the same Prairy

19 it was a very fine day and I left that place for Sturges

Prairy again Jones Prairy is in Indiana I went to Cades that night

20,21,22,23,24 and 25 this week I was cutting corn when I was able

26 this was affine day me and Phillip Buck went to seek grapes and plumbs

27,28,29,30 Oct 1 and 2 this week I was working at the same place I was diging potatoes the 4 last days and cuting corn the other 2 x

3rd this day me and another Englishman took a pleasure walk if I may call it so but he was queit home sick and I was just the other way so we could not agree

4th I was sowing wheat this forenoon and in the afternoon I went a Bee hunting but found none

5 and 6 I was thrashing beans

7 I went one Jasen Thersting to dig a well I got it down 8 feet

8 I was at the same plase trashing Buck Wheat with George Thirsting we Both together Trashed above 100 Bushels

9 I was at the well the forenoon and in the afternoon I went to see Simpson

10 I spent this day in rambling about with an Englishman to seek a section stake

12 and 13 I got done my well and took another on Mangoquinon Prairy in the state of Indiana for a man of the name of Fobs from the state of Ohio

14,15 and 16 I was at my work the 14 and 16 and 15 I was at a raising it is rather inclined to wet

17 this day me and the servant man went to Sturges Prairy

18,19,20 and 21 I got the well down to water but could not finish it owing to not having brick

22 and 25 the 22 me and George Thirsting was trashing Wheat with 3 yoke of oxen we trashed more than 32 bushels and on the 23 we clean,d it up

24 this day I went to see Simpson and hear,d of a well that wanted bottoming on the east end of mangoquinon

25 I went and took the well

26 and 27 I got it down to water

28 I went and finished Fobs well

29 I came and finished out the other and took another on the same Prairy

30 I got it down 8 feet

31 this day I went to the Post Office to get the newspaper hoping to find some news from old England but there was nothing but a few pieces about the new King there was a little about a revelation in France

November 1,2,3 and 4 I have got through my work again but I know of plenty more well yet

5 this day I took another well to dig on the same Prairy it was Gun Poudre Plot and in stead of a fine I got a hat ful of wall nuts

6 I was at my work as other day

7 I was at the Methodist Meeting on Sturges Prairy

8 and 9 I finished my well and none of my other being ready to begin I went to see how Simpson coming on he was digging a well for the Post Office master and was coming near an end so we set down we would leave that country on the next sunday

10,11 and 12 I was working for Mr. Stuard the Post master the 2 first days I was at house rasing and the other day I was draughting corn

13 this day I was gathering in my money I had to lose about 2 Dollors

14 this morning we set out again for further west and went through the White Pigen once more which I never intended to do we still kept going we past the Grand Travis and the St. Joseph,s river and went about 1 mile and 8 and then took our Lodgings

15 we set out again and walked about other 12 miles to a Prairy called Youngs Prairy here we went to a house to get some dinner and told them we were well digers I had a large rope and Simpson had our bundel the dinner was not read so we helped to put some shingles on a shade they told us that they were going to have a husking Bee at night and if we would stop we perhaps might get some work so we did but did not get work they most of them had work but none had money

16 this morning we set out again and found work to dig 1 well and mend another

17 and 18 we got through at that place and took another

19 and 20 we got our well down better than 20 feet

21 it was a rainy day and we sat in the house most of the day and we wrote up our memorandum

22,23. and 24 we finished out our well and got 20 Dollors each

for 5 days work

25 we left Youngs Prairy which is the best Land of any of the Prairy I have seen it is all heavy Timber round it we then went west about 4 miles to a Prairy called Townson,s Prairy which is a midling good Prairy but not Well timber,d we did not seek work much here we went to a house at the south west side and asked the road west but they did not know the road so we looked one on the other and said com,d so far to see an old Log house and first look,d east and then west and then said to each other thus far shalt thou go and no further we then turned our heads and went south about 12 miles to a Prairy called Bardsley Prairy and stop,t all night at the tavren

26 this morning we,went about the Prairy seeking wells but found none this Prairy is midling good Land but very bad timber,d with bur(?) Oak black read and white Oak barens we now made a resolution to return to Michael Robsons we arived that night at Sturges Prairy about 12 at night

27 this day we to strghtin up with some of our old costomers and fix for our journey I shal now give a short account about the weather the first and second week after we arived at the White Pidgen was very hot without rain the third week we had som Thunder and rain about monday and Tusday Friday was the Thunder storm and the rest clear and hot it in general clear hot weather with some Thunder till about the 20 of september when we had a good deal of rain but nothing to what I've seen in England the Thunder and Lightnings is very auful from the 20 of sept<sup>ber</sup> till about the 5 of November is what they call the Indian summer which is quit thick and smokey owing to the great fire that the Indians make most of this time fine steady weather there was a few pieces of rainy days not worth mentioning the rest of the time was more unsteady rainy days and fine day like England but finer for the time of year than in England the first flag of snow that I saw was on the 24 of Novber and the sun took it of in the morning

28 this morning we set with either of us a Bundel it was a fine morning but came on rain about noon and rained all the rest of the day

29 this morning it is very dirty walking but it kept from raining

30 this was a fine day and we kept trudging on this night we arived at Dicumcy and got some Apels the first I,ve got to year

December 1 we traveled 18 mile through a wood were there was niver a house as we were walking along we heard sombody shouting in the wood so we went by the sound till we came to them it was some Indians that had made a fire and boiled some dear we eat some with them and then walked on till we came within 8 miles of Monuro and stopt all night

2 this day we arived in Monuro in the morning we did not stay there long we walk about 18 mile stay,d all night at a French man,s house next day arrive,d at Monro from we went to the City of Detroit on our way between Monro and Detroit we saw 1200 Pigs

in 2 Doves all fitt for killing left Detroit for Bufflo by the schooner Neapolian we had very rough pafsage of 4 days down Lake Erie from Bufflo to Lockport from Lockport we went the Richard Dales that came from Danby from their to Michael Robsons where we left our Boxes as we went out in the spring left Mr. Robsons for New York when we got to Lions the Canal was Frose up so we took the road to Geneva where we met with John Cook Brother to Thomas Cook of Brooklin and a Mr. White that just come from England there was a young woman come with them that J. Cook was going to marry after staying a day or too we took our fare in the Coach for Newburg and from there to New York in the Steam Boat from Geneva to Ithica about 30 miles it is a very fine Country after that I cannot say about the country some parts was very poor Land we crofs,t a Part of the Catskill Mountains and in about 4 days & Nights arrived at New York we found Thomas Cooks all well the was not going of near 2 weeks so we took a tour of Philadelpha we soon came back and stay,d at T. Cook till the 1st of January 1831 the Captan came on board by 10 O,clock and we set sail with a west wind we were out of sight of land by 4 O,clock

Jan 2 the wind b1ow,s fair it is afine day a we are hurring home ward,s

3rd the Wind still keeps fair about 8 o,clock we Pafsed a ship with her keel upwards

4th it is a fine Morning and a fair wind

5th this day we had a fair wind and Glided on at a good rate from this last dat I have kept no more Account we had a very good Pafsage of 27 days and I arrived at my Mothers house on the 2nd day of February 1831 where I found them all much as I left them