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15th June Friday 1804 we set out early
 proceeded on about 1 M. and the Boat turned
 as a Sawyer which was near doing his great
 Damage, the river is rising fast & the water
 exceedingly Swift. S. 35. W 2 M. al. S. 1. S. 35. W. 1 1/2 M.
 to a pt. on L. S. passed a Dam & Gate on the L. S.
 S. 51. W 2 1/2 M. to a pt. on S. S. pt. a small hollow
 Island, S. 10. W to pt. L. S. 3/4 of M. pt. the
 Lower pt. of a Is. S. 30. W 2 M. to the
 up. pt. of an Is. on S. S. passed thro
 a very bad part of the river, the
 worst moving sand I ever saw, the
 current so strong that the Oars
 and Sails under a stiff breeze did
 not stand it, we were obliged to use
 a tow rope, under a bank constant
 by falling, S. 5. W 2 M. to a pt. on S. S.
 pt. along a Is. on the left, to the low
 pt. of our state on the left S. 12. W 1 1/2
 M. to a pt. S. S. pt. the ^{antient} village of the
 little Osage pass. a bad sand bar
 on which we stuck for a short time
 this is said to be the worst part of the river
 and Camped ~~at~~ ^{at} the bend in
 which the antient Villages of the little
 Osage & Mepouris, the lower or first
 of those Villages (L. Osage) is situated in
 Beautiful Plain at the foot of some
 rising land, in front of their Village
 near the river is a billfall bottom
 Plain in which

They raised their Corn & bank of
of the Village the High Prairie extends
back to the Orange River, about 3 M.
above & in view the Missourian nation
resided under the protection of the
Orange, after their nation was reduced
by the Saukies below, they built this
Village in the same low prairie and
lived there many years, the war
was so hot & both nations become
so reduced that the Little Orange &
a few of the Missourians moved & built
a village near the Grand Orange, the
rest of the Missourians went and took
protection under the Ottawas on Plateau
River

16th June Saturday set out at 7 o'clock
Prouns on N. 68. W. 2 1/2 M. passed a Pt.
down on the S. S. at the lower point
Drewen & ~~Williams~~ had camped &
had with them 2 bear & 2 deer we
took in the meat & proceeded on. Saw
rain this morning Went 2 M. pass on S. S.
S. S. & prairie to a Ridge of Snags S. S. a beautiful
extensive Prairie on S. S. hills at about 9 M.
Distant. Mr. Mackey has laid down the route
of an old fort in this Prairie which I cannot find
S. S. W. 1 M. along the S. S. 561 W along S. S. 1 M. S. S. W.
3 M. to Pt. S. S. on S. S. & head of the lake S. S. W. 1 M. S. S.
Passed a very bad place where the sand was ^{moving}
constantly, I walked on shore ^{of the} fine high
on S. S. camped late
the evening.