## Letter from Stephen Long to Captain Mason

But I must drop my speculations and go upon ong nurative.

After planning an around to be established somewhen in this vicinity, and making an estimate of its expans, which are enfiel 10 intin days and a considerable part of their nights, I set ant upon an expedition 250 miles up the Minois Miver, which I have performed, it being pricisely three weeks from the day I started to the day of my return. I took bearings & distances along the liver as for as I assemble it to gether with such other observations, as the muens under my con trout would permit, so that Ithough I shall be able to give a portly cornect shouth of the kiven, which has never been given hitherto, according to its Gardin and bearings. The bottoms along the in are generally low and marshy, covered in most places with very good time. ber, consisting of Black of Blue ash, Sugar tree, Maple Sycamore Lacust, bottom wood, binch, walnut & thing, - In some instan is the bottom, which are more sloveted, are Prairies . - The main Bluffs are at variable distance from the River from 0.10 12 miles . The river abounds in fish of a very good quality fond of enormous is as of their kind . - But fish have been caught weighing from 50 to 100 lbs . - The Buffalor fish is most normany, - Tike Reach, Trout, & Sunfigh, are pluty. - It is a sluggish stream abounding in weeds, but the best calculated of any I were now for the purposes of In land stringer tion, - having at all season, a sufficient depth of water, and a hand sundy bottom. there sandy bottom.

Thereing fixed upon a lite for to grations which was the friends by land from Jomois Retage, inhabited by a Tribe of Petersonies, and intented at the head of hake Prome I at all all the said of hake Prome I as all hand of Lake Provin, alies the Illering Lake, to Fort Blanke 23 miles at the post of the jame lake . - It It. Works I word the river with a small disturbant of Soldiers with previsions for five days, and returned by land to this place, making whom the rout we came, a distance of 190 miles, from 71.6. to It Louis. connected we should arrive at the Minimiphi. - But on the bit.

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