

any thing into the fund - this being arranged satisfactorily as the
 party ~~was~~ was in good spirits - it was proposed that we should
 proceed to these new found lands on the Monday - my Oxen
 & various kinds of implements of ~~an~~ agriculture in short every
 thing that a backwoodmans life require as soon as possible & to as
 large an extent as possible was collected - Monday morning October
 Sun seen our Battalion on the move No 2 with 3 other persons rode
 in a kind of Stage while the other got along the best way they
 could we pass through quite a different section of the Shawnee
 reserved lands to those I had previously travelled through on my
 way to Lawrence & thus giving me a diversified view of those
 beautiful lands not yet come into the Market we marched along
 through extensive prairies of the richest soil groves of
 timber of the ~~finest~~ finest growth & valuable character & ravines
 & creeks which shook our Oxen tremendously to pass after camping
 out 2 Night we reached the point No 2 had arrived at in his
 travels the house of an Indian Interpreter whose name is
 Battestie who keeps an house of refreshment for travellers Mostly
 Indians & a Store well supplied with all kinds of things
 that the different tribes with whom he is well acquainted are
 likely to require he is a Noble looking Indian & for an Indian
 very communicative - the land we had to take possession of
 was 10 mile from this place all that No 2 had told us of beyond
 the house of Battestie was from information ~~quod~~ he had received
 from him we were now on a par with No 2 for we knew as
 much about the road beyond as he did some of the party
 went to the near Baptist Mission which lay to our left