



**October 3rd, Wednesday, 1804 (Clark)**

"...The N.W. wind blew verry hard all night with some rain, we Set out early, at 12 examoned our Stores and goods, Several bags cut by the mice and Corn Scattered, Some of our Cloth also cut by them also papers & C. ..."

**October 4th, Thursday, 1804 (Clark)**

"... Camped on a Sand bar at the upper point of an Island on which is the remains of an old ricara Village fortified Called La hoo call It was circular, this Village appears to have been deserted about 5 or 6 years, 17 houses yet remain, the Island Contains but little timber, the evening verry Cold and Wood Scerce, make use of Drift wood..."

**October 5th, Friday, 1804 (Clark)**

"... I saw a white brant in a gangue on the sand bar Saw a large herd of Cabra or anteloped Swiming in the River, we killed four of them..."



"Mih-Tutta-HangKusch, a Mandan village"  
by Karl Bodmer

**October 6th, Saturday, 1804 (Clark)**

"...passed a village of about 80 neet Lodges civered with earth and picketed around , those loges are Spicious of an Octagon form as close together as they can possibly be placed and appear to have been inhabited last Spring, from the Canoes of Skins Mats buckets & found lodges, we are of appinion they were recereis we found Squashes of 3 Different Kinds growing in the Village..."

The canoes were probably "bullboats," buffalo skins stretched over a hemispherical frame. Though hard to steer, they were handy for crossing the river and could be carried by one person.

**October 7th, Sunday, 1804 (Clark)**

"...frost last night, passed a river 90 yds. wide the Ricaras Call Sur-wak-kar-ne all the water of this river runs in a chanel of 20 yards, the Current appears jentle, I walked up this river a mile, Saw the tracks of white bear, verry large..."

**October 8th, Monday, 1804 (Clark)**

"...2 of our men discovered the reckerrei village, about the Center of the Island on the L. Side on the main Shore. this Island is about 3 miles long, Separated from the L.S. by a Channel of about 60 yards wide verry Deep, The Isl. is covered with fields, where those people raise their Corn Tobacco Beens &c. Great numbers of those People came on the Island to See us pass, we passed above the head of the Island & Capt Lewis with 2 interpretors & 2 men went to the village..."

**October 9th, Tuesday, 1804 (Clark)**

"... all the grand Chiefs visited us today... the Indians much asstonished at my Black Servent and Call him the big medison, this nation never Saw a black man before..."



Astonished by the presence of York, the Arikaras nick-named him "Big Medicine".

**October 10th, Wednesday, 1804 (Clark)**

"...at 1 oClock the Cheifs all assembled under an orning near the Boat, and under the American Flag. we delivered a Similar Speech to those delivered the Ottoes & Sioux, made three Cheifs , one for each Village and gave them Clothes and flags- 1st Cheif is name Ka-ha-wiss-assa lighting raven 2d Chief Po-casse (Hay) & the 3rd Piaheto or Eagles Feather- after the council was over we Shot the Air gun, which astonished them, & they all left us..."