

Nov. 1. We crossed the Vermillion river into the Indian possessions, at which time the weather became rainy and cold. Many Indians were discovered by our spies, lurking in the woods about us; supposed to be the scouts of the Prophet, watching our movements.---After marching about fourteen miles, we crossed a small creek, and encamped on a high open piece of land: still rainy and cold. An alarm was here given by one of the sentinels, who fired on a Horse, which had strayed out of Camp.

November 3, Continued on our march.---came to an extensive level prairie, which took up the whole of this day in crossing---started up many deer, two of which we killed---also an animal called a prairie wolf. Nothing of importance transpired until...

November 6.---When our spies, who had ventured near the Indian village, returned, and informed the Governor we were within a few miles of the Prophet's town.---We were ordered to throw off our knapsacks, and be in preparation for an attack. We advanced about 4 miles to the edge of a piece of woods, when we