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The island is separated from the shore by a small slough only, with a large growth of timber, but mostly cotton wood which is not clearable. We were told, that this is the place, where the Sioux after crop, to hide themselves in the timber, or in the adjoining ravines between the bluffs which come close to the river, until they can make an attack either on men or horses of the Pawnees. The Indians, with us, showed much uneasiness here, always on the watch, & after we were on the upland again, several miles from our dinner place, they espied something there, & talked of Sioux. One of them rode up on a higher bluff, & soon reported that, what they had seen were Pawnees. How they could distinguish what it was, & even say what Indians, we could not comprehend, for we only saw a dark looking object.

We soon came to a place too, where we could ~~see~~ <sup>convince</sup> ourselves that they do come in <sup>sometimes</sup> conflict with the Sioux, ~~where~~ we saw numbers of broken arrows, & some bones. Lately a party Sioux had succeeded to steal some horses, of them, but the latter detected them yet in time to give them a chase. A young chief's horse, however, soon <sup>gave out</sup> declined, his company not wishing to leave him, were encouraged, by him, to flee for life, as otherwise they would all have to die. As he would have to die at any rate, he alone would give them battle. The Pawnees enraged shot him nearly full of arrows, & then tore him to pieces. With apparent satisfaction the Pawnees related this on the spot to us.

We were now in sight of the upper Pawnee village, which is located in the bottom Prairie, & as soon as we drew near it, we were surrounded by a great number of children, we counted a hundred