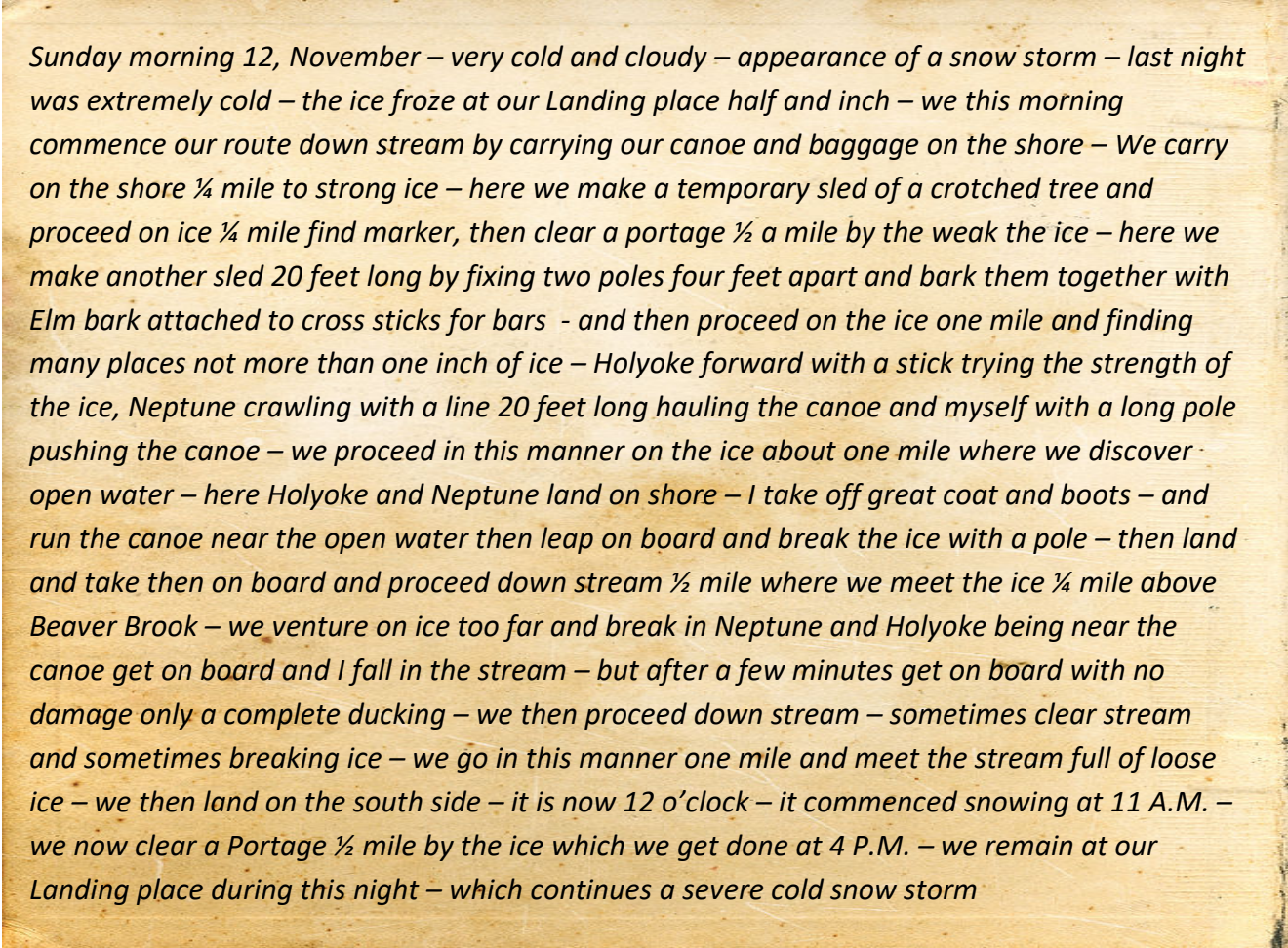


Journal Entry for Sunday, 12 November 1820

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Now let’s analyze the text: This is a lot of text to read, but the challenge is worth the effort. Treat, Neptune, and Holyoke take on the icy waters of the Penobscot River, you don’t want to miss this adventure!



Sunday morning 12, November – very cold and cloudy – appearance of a snow storm – last night was extremely cold – the ice froze at our Landing place half an inch – we this morning commence our route down stream by carrying our canoe and baggage on the shore – We carry on the shore ¼ mile to strong ice – here we make a temporary sled of a crotched tree and proceed on ice ¼ mile find marker, then clear a portage ½ a mile by the weak the ice – here we make another sled 20 feet long by fixing two poles four feet apart and bark them together with Elm bark attached to cross sticks for bars - and then proceed on the ice one mile and finding many places not more than one inch of ice – Holyoke forward with a stick trying the strength of the ice, Neptune crawling with a line 20 feet long hauling the canoe and myself with a long pole pushing the canoe – we proceed in this manner on the ice about one mile where we discover open water – here Holyoke and Neptune land on shore – I take off great coat and boots – and run the canoe near the open water then leap on board and break the ice with a pole – then land and take then on board and proceed down stream ½ mile where we meet the ice ¼ mile above Beaver Brook – we venture on ice too far and break in Neptune and Holyoke being near the canoe get on board and I fall in the stream – but after a few minutes get on board with no damage only a complete ducking – we then proceed down stream – sometimes clear stream and sometimes breaking ice – we go in this manner one mile and meet the stream full of loose ice – we then land on the south side – it is now 12 o’clock – it commenced snowing at 11 A.M. – we now clear a Portage ½ mile by the ice which we get done at 4 P.M. – we remain at our Landing place during this night – which continues a severe cold snow storm

Note on Grammar and Vocabulary:

Commence - to begin or to start something

Crotched tree - the place where a tree trunk divides into two branches to form a V

Portage - is a place where a boat must be carried, especially over land between two areas of water because the water is too low or the passage too rough to navigate.

Great coat - a large coat that is typically made of wool designed for warmth and protection against the weather

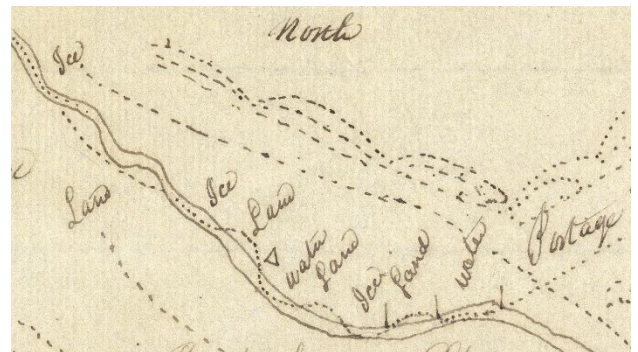
Your Thoughts:

Our explorers' journey is nearing its end, traveling on the ice, often too thin to walk on but too thick to canoe through, created slow and dangerous travel conditions. Treat describes falling in the icy river and getting "*a complete dunking*," but they keep going several more hours. Imagine how it would feel to be cold, wet, and needing to use all your effort to continue down the river safely. **Use your imagination to create an extra sentence or two to add to this journal entry, describing how our explorers are feeling at this point in their journey.**

Now let's analyze the map drawing:

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Treat draws a detailed map drawing of their difficult journey. He noted when they were on ice, land, and water. **Did they spend more time carrying their canoe on *Land*, dragging it on *Ice*, or paddling it on *Water*?**



Bonus: Look closely at the map. What does Treat write about the land at the bottom of the drawing? **Hint:** Even though Treat is wet, cold, and tired, he still takes the time to make a note about the quality of the trees and timber along the shoreline.