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We have experienced at this place many shocks of an earthquake; some so slight that they were not generally felt; but on the 23rd ult. there was one, which ended with so severe a jolt, that I could scarcely keep my feet. On the 27th at 9 AM we had another smart shock. The whole number noticed in this neighborhood, I suppose to be upwards of 50. We have not heard of any other damage consequent on these concussions, except the loss of 6 flat boats and their cargoes on the Mississippi, owing to the obstructions occasioned by them in the navigation of this river. Old logs and trees which have been lying for ages at the bottom, now stand erect in every part of its bed.