“I was surprised to find that these sticks both green & dead had the greater part of them been gnawed off by the rat (& some were nearly half an inch in diameter-) They were cut off not at a right angle with a smooth cut but by successive cuts across at the same time bending the twig down-which produced a sloping & so to speak terraced surface I did not know before that they resembled the beaver in this respect also. It was chiefly the sweet gale thus cut-commonly the top left on 2 feet long-but some times cut off six inches long, thus”