

established at Galena, and Ezekiel Lockwood appointed post-master; also an office at Rock Island with Lee Davenport post-master; the proceeds of both offices to be applied by me to defraying the expenses of conveying the mail from Prairie du Chien, via Galena and Rock Island, to Clarksville, Mo. The increased fund by this new arrangement, enabled me to send the mail twice during the winter to Clarksville, and thus the postal arrangements remained until the close of 1825, when a post route was extended from Springfield, Ill., to Galena; and on the first of January, 1826, John D. Winters, the contractor, arrived at Galena with the first mail sent through by this arrangement, the office at Prairie du Chien continuing to send to Galena for her mail at her own expense, until the fall of 1832, when Dr. Addison Philleo, who had obtained the contract to Prairie du Chien, sent through the mail.

In the summer of 1825, a grand council or treaty was held at Prairie du Chien with the different tribes of Indians. Gov. Cass of Michigan, and Gen. Clark, superintendent of Indian Affairs for Missouri and dependencies, were appointed commissioners on the part of the United States. The Indian tribes represented were the Sioux, Sauks, Foxes, Chippewas, Winnebagoes, Menomonees, and Iowas. Some of the Indians from up the Missouri were expected, but did not come. The professed object of this treaty was to make a general and lasting peace between these tribes, and also to settle the boundaries between them respectively. After I understood the object of the treaty, I asked Gov. Cass what good he thought would result from it. He shrugged up his shoulders, and smiling said, that they would have it so at Washington. They made the treaty of perpetual peace, and settled the boundaries between the different tribes, which resulted in the U. States sending a corps of surveyors, and surveying the boundaries at great expense, and perhaps keeping the Indians at peace until they were ready to go to war again.

In the winter of 1825-26, the wise men at Washington took it