

miles above this, and who arrived about day-light, and gave the first information to the fort. Although there had been a great firing of guns and hallooing among the Indians, the sentinels had reported nothing of it to the officers; but on hearing of the affair, the commandant immediately dispatched a company of men in boats after the Foxes, but they did not overtake them. The Government demanded of the Sauks to deliver up the perpetrators of this deed. The Foxes fled to the Sauks, and their chief, Kettle, being dead, they remained among and amalgamated with them, and have not since continued a separate nation or tribe. I have always believed this to be the origin of the Black Hawk war.—There were, I suppose, other causes of discontent, but I believe that this transaction was the immediate cause of the movements of Black Hawk.

In 1830, the present Fort Crawford was commenced, and, in 1831, it was occupied with a part of the troops, leaving the sick in the old hospital, and the surgeon in the old fort. The fort, I think, was finished in 1832. In 1833, the authorities of Crawford county concluded to build a court house and jail, and commenced raising funds by increasing the taxes; and, in 1836, constructed a stone building of sufficient size to have on the ground floor a room each for criminals and debtors, and two rooms for the jailer, with a court room and two jury rooms on the second floor. The taxable inhabitants then in the county were confined to the Prairie. We were then attached to Michigan Territory, and so well were our county affairs managed, that the taxes were not raised more than five mills on a dollar to pay for this improvement; and this was the first court house erected in Wisconsin.

Sometime in 1827 or 1828, the Chief Justice of the county and one of the Associate Justices having removed away, I presume application was made to Governor Cass—I do not know how it was, as I was absent from the last of July, 1827, to the summer of 1829; and Joseph Rolette was appointed Chief Justice, and Jean Brunet, Associate Justice. When Thomas P. Burnett ar-