

Mr. Burnett's subsequent prominence in the country of his adoption naturally excites the desire to know his character and standing in the society he had left when he came here. Of this we gain some knowledge by the letters he received after his arrival. Nathaniel Davis, under date of July 15th, 1830, says: "I had the satisfaction of examining a letter from you, in which you speak of the habits, customs and manners of the people of your country, as well as its situation. Your friends here appear to be all anxiety for your safety and prosperity. You have no correct idea of the number of your friends, nor of the lively interest they seem to evince both for your welfare and happiness. A person's absence will generally exhibit the extent of his friends or of his enemies; of the latter none have been so bold as to appear." Geo. W. Williams, under date of July 23d, 1830, says: "I am pleased to learn that you arrived safe at your point of destination, and I certainly hope you may realize all your reasonable expectations. Your trip must have been one of considerable interest, notwithstanding you had to undergo some necessary hardships. I expect it will be some time before you will be entirely at home in your agency, judging of you by myself. I suppose you will not at once be enabled to understand and act up to the notions of Indian conduct and character.

"You mention something of a council held recently for the purpose of making peace between some hostile tribes. I suppose in that council you made your debut; if so, give me an account of it in your next. I should like to know whether or not the reality will verify my imaginations on the subject. For instance I fancy you to be, not clouted or painted, but, as usual, in your ordinary dress, the broad-brim beaver, I mean the *white*, cutting the most conspicuous figure; handing a large stone pipe with reed handle four feet long, plentifully supplied with kin-a-ki-nic and tobacco, with the utmost dignity, combined with all possible conciliatory address, from one chief to another and so on, hearing and making all kinds of speeches and pow-wows, and grand sit-