

tings, &c. &c. Is it a fancy, or is it a fact, as Curran said. God bless your labors, my dear fellow, and he will, for 'blessed are the peace-makers.' "

At that time, 1830, there were evident signs of uneasiness among the Indians. But three years had passed since the disturbance made by the Winnebagoes, when several white families were murdered by them in this vicinity. Gen. Street, the Agent, was frequently absent on duty or business, when the duties of the agency fell upon Mr. Burnett as sub-Agent, and he was assiduous in watching the signs of the times. Col. Morgan, then in command of Fort Crawford, was also on the alert, and to obtain information addressed a note to Gen. Street, which called from Mr. Burnett the following answer, under date of Dec. 6th, 1830:

"SIR: In compliance with a request in your letter of the 7th inst., addressed to Gen. J. M. Street, U. S. Indian Agent, I have to inform you, that every intelligence which I have received since my arrival at this agency, has confirmed me in the opinion that a war carried on between the Sioux and Chippewa tribes of Indians is highly prejudicial to the safety of white men in the vicinity of their hostile movements, and dangerous to the navigation of the Upper Mississippi, particularly that part about Lake Pepin, and the mouth of the Chippewa River.

"This opinion, I think, is fully sustained by that of men older and more experienced in Indian transactions than myself, and by the murders committed on that lake in 1825. The facilities with which the Chippewa war parties descend the Chippewa River, and lurk and conceal themselves about the shore of the lake, enables them, if so disposed, to murder men navigating those waters with impunity. Of their disposition to attack white men when in a rage for war, I think their former outrages, and their conduct this season at the mill on the Menomonee River and its vicinity, afford sufficient evidence.

"I am satisfied, that while affairs with those tribes remain in their present state, no man, who has a prudent regard for his safety, would in navigating the Upper Mississippi, encamp on the