east side anywhere near the lake, or the mouth of the Chippewa River, at any time during the season in which the war parties of those tribes are out."

We have already seen that Mr. Burnett was one of Gen. Jackson's early friends and firm supporters, and as such claimed, in common with the party, a share in the favors of that chieftain, and finding that the pay of his office, $500 per year, was not equal to the duties he had to perform, nor the expenses of living on this distant frontier, he addressed his firm friend, Col. R. M. Johnson, soliciting his aid in obtaining a better situation, from whom he received the following answer of Feb. 5th, 1831. This letter shows not only the high estimation in which he was held at Washington, but also the difficulty of obtaining office, owing to the great number of applicants:

"Your favor has been received, in which you express a desire to be appointed Indian Agent at C——, &c. As soon as I received your letter I called on the Secretary of War to ascertain whether the place was still vacant, that I might present your claims as desired; and was informed by him that the person was selected for the office, and I believe was nominated to the Senate, which prevented even an opportunity of serving you. I should be happy to serve you whenever opportunity offers. But *I can assure you that there is such a press of applications for every vacancy high or low,* that the prospect of success is gloomy, for any person. I feel sincerely and feelingly what you say about your difficulties and embarrassments."

At this time, the national administration looked with a jealous eye, not only at the National Bank, but also at the American Fur Company. Whether this was because the chief agents of that Company differed in politics from the administration, from which was inferred that opposition existed in their subordinates; or whether, as in case of the Bank, the trade was deemed so profitable as to be an object worthy of control, to furnish office and employment for aspirants who could not otherwise be provided for, is not easy to be determined at this late day. But it is cer-