

employed some one else. The fees charged for the several suits were \$500, which the Agent approved and allowed. In December of this year, he visited Washington, for the double purpose of keeping his office from the grasp of some hungry office-hunter, hundreds of whom are hovering around the capitol any winter, and against whom I perceive by his correspondence, it is necessary for every office holder to keep a watchful eye, which is the reason that so many of them visit Washington so often; and also for the purpose of securing this fee, which had been refused. But this latter he did not get allowed at that time, but being long-winded on such a chase, he hung to it until the Department paid him \$225.

In February, 1832, while Mr. Burnett was in Kentucky, Gen. Street wrote him, that "the Menomonees and Sioux are preparing for a retaliatory war against the Sauks and Foxes in the spring. The Menomonees have made peace with the Chippewas, in order to have no fears from that quarter. The two tribes met above the mill on the Chippewa and made their peace. I have advised the Superintendent so as to have the earliest interference, if any is intended. The Sauks and Foxes, I learn, expect retaliation and will be prepared to meet them. If the Government is not early in stopping them, they will certainly go in considerable force, and a bloody contest may be expected."

About the first of April, Mr. Burnett received instructions, while yet in Shelbyville, to "proceed to the agency at Prairie du Chien by way of St. Louis, and call on Gen. Clark for the funds allotted to the agency for 1832, or such portion thereof as he shall determine to forward. The receipts will be forwarded to you at St. Louis as soon as a conveyance by steam-boat shall occur." Mr. Burnett reached the agency about the 1st of May. At that time the Sauks and Foxes under Black Hawk were in hostile movements on Rock River, with Gen. Atkinson in pursuit. To aid in the defense of the country, Gen. Atkinson from Dixon's Ferry, May 26th, 1832, addressed Gen. Street as follows:

"SIR:—I have to request, that you send me at this place, with