

pay, &c., and told them that their families should be supplied with provisions during their absence from home. The most of the families of the warriors have accompanied them thus far, to take a supply of provisions home with them, when the expedition shall have left this place. It is due to Mr. Marsh to say, that he has displayed great zeal and energy in effecting the object of our visit, and that his exertions had the effect of bringing out the greatest possible force from the bands we have called upon."

Mr. Burnett greatly desired and strongly urged Gen. Street to allow him to accompany these Indians and take part in the war. But the general thought his services were needed at and near the agency, and therefore declined to comply with the request.

In the meantime, the Sauks and Foxes retreated from the Rock River to the Wisconsin, taking their own time for it on account of the slow motion of Gen. Atkinson. Black Hawk is said to have remarked, that he could plant and raise corn, and keep out of the way of Atkinson. But on the Wisconsin, the wiley chief met another and unexpected enemy in the persons of Gen. Dodge and his volunteers, who gave the Indians battle, and routed them, "horse, foot and dragoons." The news of this defeat of the Indians soon reached Prairie du Chien, and it was thought probable that if the Sauks and Foxes could get canoes or even rafts, that they would attempt to escape from their pursuers by descending the Wisconsin River. To prevent this, some volunteer troops, Mr. Burnett among others, were stationed on that river at the ferry, now Barrett's. But the Indians took across the country towards Bad Ax. The success of Gen. Dodge at the Peckatonica, led to the following expression of respect from the prominent men of Prairie du Chien, not included in the army, addressed to him July 3d, 1832:

"Sir:—The undersigned, citizens of this place, have witnessed, with feelings of high respect and admiration, the patriotic exertions you have made for the defense of our frontier against the cruelties of savage warfare. Fully appreciating the nature and motives of the bold and energetic course of your conduct in behalf of our suffering country, we send you by Capt. Jas. B. Estes,