

retarded in consequence of the drunkenness of the men. The Government, I presume, in giving Mr. Burnett the appointment of Sub-Indian Agent, and sending him to this place to perform the duties of that office, little expected that he would be aiding the whiskey-sellers, and thereby opposing the exertions of the officers of the garrison in endeavoring to keep their men sober."

At this time, Mr. Burnett was absent at Fort Winnebago on official business, and had no knowledge of what was brewing, until his return, about the first of December. On the 18th of November, while Mr. Burnett was still absent, Col. Morgan, without waiting for his return, or giving him any notice of the complaint, wrote to Gen. Street, that "A communication from Capt. Mason was yesterday forwarded to head-quarters of the Western Department, with a view to be transmitted to the War Department, complaining of the course taken by Mr. Burnett, your Sub-Agent, in defending before the courts here, persons accused of selling spirituous liquors without license. I have deemed it my duty to forward this communication in obedience to the request of Captain Mason; though I believe Mr. Burnett in the course complained of, is actuated more by a sense of duty than inclination. I am certain he is as anxious to put down the grog-shops, which have sprung up here to our great annoyance, as any other person. He is the drafter of a petition to prevent the sale of whiskey to soldiers within the limits of the county, which is now circulating for signers. Mr. Burnett being absent, is the reason I have addressed you this communication."

On the 30th of November, Mr. Burnett having returned from Fort Winnebago, Gen. Street wrote him: "I avail myself of the earliest moment after your return to hand you the enclosed letter from Col. W. Morgan to me. Not being favored with Capt. Mason's complaint, I am ignorant of the particulars objected against you; yet I am desirous that you may be apprised of what has been doing here, during your short absence, with a view, it would seem, to operate on you as an officer of the Indian Department. I could not feel, that such a communication, to one so intimately