

acquainted with your whole course of conduct since your arrival here, required an answer from me.

"In handing over Col. Morgan's letter, which bears date Nov. 18th, I will inform you that there is evidently a mistake in the date. On the 19th of November, about 10 A. M., I was in Col. Morgan's quarters. He informed me that he had received a complaint from Col. Mason against you the day before, the 18th, and that he was about to write to you. I told him you had left for Fort Winnebago two days previous (the 17th Nov.). Col. Morgan then said he would address me on the subject, as you were absent. I replied, 'it will be useless, as I cannot get a letter to him before he returns.' I then left his quarters. On the next day I received a letter on other business, from him, properly dated the 20th November, by his servant, and on the 25th November, the enclosed letter, bearing date the 18th November, was handed to my son in the village. The mail started before 10 A. M., on the 19th, and Col. Morgan says in his letter, dated the 18th, that he forwarded Captain Mason's complaint 'yesterday,' which would have made the departure of the mail the 17th, instead of the 19th. Consequently Col. Morgan must have written this letter after 10 o'clock A. M., on the 19th of November. The date I presume has been a mistake."

Such confusion in dates casts a gloomy appearance on the matter, and tends to create suspicions that here were some misgivings of mind as to the propriety of the course being pursued. First, on the 19th November, Gen. Street was in Col. Morgan's quarters, when the Colonel informed the General that he received Capt. Mason's complaint against Mr. Burnett *the day before*, and yet the complaint is dated November 3rd. It further appears that Mr. Burnett left for Fort Winnebago on the 17th, so that the complaint of Capt. Mason must have lain in his hands two weeks after it was written, before it was forwarded to Col. Morgan, and that the complaint was not presented to the Colonel until the day Mr. Burnett left, and as Mr. Burnett in going such a distance through the then wilderness, would start early in the morn-