

he defended the interest of the Government, and after a long delay, was paid his fee for so doing. No complaint was made for this, but when an officer of the army, on his own responsibility, had brought suit against citizens for selling whiskey without license, because soldiers were the purchasers thereof, for defending them as a lawyer, complaint is made. To prepare for the worst, Mr. Burnett addressed a note each to Gen. Street, Col. Morgan, the Judges and Clerk of the Court, enquiring as to his conduct in his professional duties, as well as his general deportment in his official course, to which he received the most satisfactory and flattering answers.

Gen. Street, under date of Dec. 2d, 1832, says: "I received yours of to-day, and cannot resist the opportunity presented, to assure you of the high estimation in which I hold you, as an amiable, intelligent and honorable man; and most cheerfully do I bear testimony to the correct, prompt, and vigilant discharge of your duties, as an officer of the Government. As the Sub-Agent of Indian Affairs, at the agency, your official duties, when not performed in obedience to orders emanating directly from me, have mostly passed under my notice, or been submitted for my advice. The duties of this agency have been greatly increased within the last two years, by wars and murders among the adjacent tribes, and subsequent attempts on the part of the Government to produce a general peace amongst all the Indian Nations on this frontier. The reckless course of one of the nations at war, in having wantonly killed two Indians belonging to the tribes under the care of this agency, as well as the assembling of the council at Prairie du Chien, cast upon the officers of this agency new and additional duties, tedious, difficult and laborious. But notwithstanding the personal inconvenience, the new and peculiar duties you were thus subjected to, they were performed faithfully, and I have every reason to believe to the entire satisfaction of the commissioners.

"The Indians under the care of this agency, have been fully and completely conciliated, and from being the most savage, warlike