

"For the reasons which I have given, I flatter myself with the hope, that if the Honorable Secretary will do me the favor to give the case a second examination, he will perceive, that I have not merited the censure contained in your letter, and that I cannot be justly subjected to the rule which has been established for the future regulation of my duty as Sub-Agent at this place; I therefore, most respectfully ask, that he will re-consider the subject, and that I may be made acquainted with his ultimate determination.

"In considering this communication, I trust that the sentiments advanced, and the manner in which they have been expressed, will not be mis-construed. They have been conceived and uttered, I assure you, with the most respectful deference, and the highest consideration for the superior authorities of the Department. I mean only to exercise in an appropriate manner, a privilege guaranteed to every citizen of the country, to every officer of the Government, the privilege of remonstrance."

While such scenes were pending, and before the final decision of the Department had reached Mr. Burnett, it was pleasant and agreeable to his feelings, to receive the following from Dr. Beaumont, one of the most distinguished surgeons in the U. S. army, under date of Washington City, Jan. 7th, 1833:

"My dear Sir:—An agreeable impulse of heart, joined to a sort of compunctious state of mind for the *sin of omission*, compels me now to express my undiminished regard for one whose kind disposition, warm heart, and generous feelings, have gained the sincere admiration and esteem of myself and family, during our short but very agreeable acquaintance. It is with peculiar pleasure and satisfaction, that I reflect upon the scenes of social enjoyment, incident to our residence at Prairie du Chien, and more especially our last journey down the Mississippi, and short sojourn at St. Louis. There is indeed an abiding happy impression made upon the mind, by the manifestations of ingenuousness and magnanimity of soul, widely different from that produced by the common-place, every-day, poorly-disguised, cold, hollow-hearted, affectedness of fashionable society, of which this place is the seat