

zens actually shed upon our prairies, that Congress deigns to cast an eye to our defence. The intimate and accurate knowledge you possess of public affairs, beyond any other person in your section of the country, seems to justify us in calling upon you to take a leading part in these measures; and as our purposes must be the same, it may be expected that we should be united in the means to obtain them."

The judiciary system of Michigan, to which, at that time, what is now Wisconsin was attached, was deemed to be very defective, which was considered, with other things, as a good reason for desiring a separate Government. Mr. Burnett suggested to the Hon. M. L. Martin, then in the Territorial Council at Detroit, some amendments to the judiciary system, to which Mr. Martin answered, Feb. 6th, 1833: "It is found extremely difficult to regulate, by any general provisions, the different interests of the eastern and western sections of Michigan; especially such as refer to the judiciary system, or the proceedings in courts. I have procured the passage of a bill that I think will go far in relieving us, in cases of chancery attachment and insolvency."

In May, 1833, Gen. Street was called to Washington to defend himself against a complaint that had been previously preferred; the main ground of which was, that by his vigilance and care of the Indians, the traders were prevented from skinning them quite so easily as some of them wished to do. This, of course, was unpardonable with those interested; but he was not removed for the offence. In the meantime, the duties of the agency devolved upon Mr. Burnett till the 20th of June, when the General returned. Then Mr. Burnett obtained leave of absence from the Agent for three months, to visit his friends and attend to business in Kentucky, subject, however, to the approval of the Superintendent at St. Louis. But the Superintendent curtailed his furlough to two months, that being the extent of his powers, as he alleged. Gen. Street on being apprised of this, remarked to Mr. Burnett, then in Kentucky, "the curtailing of your permit was, to say the least of it, in my opinion, a singular measure. It will assure you, how-