

self warm as best he could, by walking and other exercise. In the morning they succeeded in reaching the land, in a thick wooded bottom on the Illinois shore, where a log-heap fire was soon kindled, around which the passengers and boat's crew gathered to warm, but were without food, and not within reach of a house from which supplies could be obtained. They remained in this situation till near night, when they were relieved from their sufferings by a steam-boat that was passing down the river.

The nature of the case between him and his recreant wife, and the ground upon which the divorce was granted, are set forth in the following certificates, sent to him a year or more after the divorce was obtained. At the time of the divorce, he knew not that he should ever again enter into the marriage state. And distant as he was from the place of his marriage, and the residence of his wife, he might have done as thousands of others have in the great West, married again without the formula of a divorce; but his sense of propriety and legal liabilities forbade such a breach of the civil and moral law. And the fine feelings of his nature as well as his sense of the propriety of the thing, induced him to obtain these papers, to show that his way was clear and his course honorable, if he should again see fit to enter into that holy relation. After he came to this country, his correspondence shows that he preferred to forgive the past, if she would return to him, but she refused.

The first of these papers is from the Hon. Cyrus Wingate, who, Mr. Burnett says in a note added to it, "has for many years in succession been a member of the Ky. Legislature, and is a worthy and highly respected member of the Methodist Church." It is dated April 17th, 1836, but referring, as it does, to a transaction in 1834-35, this is deemed the appropriate place for it. The letter says: "The bill which divorced you from your wife Lucy, was reported from the House of Representatives to the Senate, on the 10th of Feb. 1835, and was referred to the 'committee on Religion,' on the next day. I had the honor to be chairman of that committee for several years, and was so at the time when