

December, but the new acting Governor of Michigan not appearing, as was expected, there was not much of importance done by it. Mr. Burnett was chosen President of the Council, but as no Governor was on hand, no message presented calling attention to important subjects for consideration, the members present had an opportunity to pass resolutions implicating the acting Governor for neglect of duty. Why acting Gov. Horner did not meet the Council at the time and place fixed upon, has not, I believe, been made public. Some supposed that he was advised from Washington, that the whole proceeding was without the authority of law; but from a letter from Col. Jones, then the Delegate from Michigan, dated at Washington, Feb. 20th, 1836, it appears that Mr. Horner "dreaded the journey" from Detroit to Green Bay, in dead of winter, "as he admitted" to him.

It appears from the correspondence of Col. Jones with Mr. Burnett, that the Council passed resolutions censuring Gov. Horner for non-attendance, and resolutions touching Gov. Cass in relation to Indian Treaties. These resolutions implied blame, or at least something that needed explanation. There were also speeches made by Mr. Burnett and others, but especially by him, implicating Gov. Cass' administration of Indian Affairs while Governor of Michigan, and even after his elevation to the head of the War Department. Whether these charges were well or ill founded, I have no means of knowing. I can only say, that on this frontier, I have found those who think that they were, while others are of a different opinion. The speeches made while the resolutions were under discussion, were printed in the newspapers of the time, and were reiterated and elaborated in a series of numbers afterwards printed in the *Galena Gazette*, over the signature of *Wisconsin*, all of which, it seems, found their way to Washington and called forth expressions of regret from Cols. Johnson and Jones, and a kind offer of mediation from Gov. Dodge, in which he used the language of Gov. Cass in reference to Mr. Burnett, all of which were in terms of the highest respect for Mr. Burnett, and the matter seems to have been dropped here.