

pany, to ascertain the practicability of the measure, and the land was entered and a city laid out, which was afterwards christened *Madison*.

Early in April, 1836, acting Gov. Horner had moved to Wisconsin, expecting to hold the same relation to Wisconsin that he had held in Michigan. The bill to organize the Territory of Wisconsin had not yet passed Congress. Michigan had assumed to be a State, and was expecting to be admitted into the Union; but the spirit of the times, and of the dominant party in politics, was of the progressive character, and those who felt most interested, were impatient at the tardy movements of Congress, and were still anxious to move the Territorial Government of Michigan to Wisconsin *nolens volens*. Accordingly, Gov. Horner, then at Dubuque (Mr. Burnett being there at the same time), addressed the following to Mr. Burnett, April 8th, 1836:

"SIR:—As the Executive of Michigan Territory, I desire your opinion on this point: Can I convene the Legislative Council of Michigan Territory at any other place than Green Bay? If I can, will it suit your convenience, as a member of that Council, to attend in the next two months, at a convenient place within the Mining District? I should also be glad to know, whether you desire a session of it." To this Mr. Burnett answered as follows:

"In answer to the first question proposed, that is, whether you can convene the Council at any other place than Green Bay, I will state what took place during the session of January last relative to that subject. Near the close of the session, a resolution was introduced, requesting the Governor of the Territory to call the Council together at some further day, and at a different place. Upon this resolution a discussion arose, and the measure was opposed by some, upon the ground, that the place for the assembling of the Council having been once designated by the competent authority, it was then fixed, and must remain so until it should be changed by law. It was contended, that the power vested in the Executive by the act of 1835 (of Michigan, making Green Bay the place of meeting), was not a continuing power, to be exercised