

authority to perform any valid and binding act, I cannot, consistently with these opinions, assume an office that has been conferred by the action of that body. It is proper to state, that my name was presented for the appointment, without any knowledge or consent on my part."

The people of Crawford county, not being satisfied with the apportionment of the Council, petitioned Congress for redress; the petition being sent to the care of the Hon. John Quincy Adams to be presented, and Mr. Burnett wrote that eminent statesman a letter, explaining the matter, and urging the favor of his influence in their behalf. But it seemed that nothing was done in the premises. In the circumstance of Mr. Burnett's addressing that great statesman on this subject, we see the impropriety of any one's taking ultra measures in political matters. It has been seen, that Mr. Burnett was an original Jackson man, and of course was an opponent of Mr. Adams. And those who recollect the spirit, as well as the means, used in that contest, would hardly think it possible, that a Jackson man would ever ask a favor of Mr. Adams, under any circumstances. But in the circumstances herein related, under the administration of the man whom he had helped into office, Mr. Burnett had not received what he deemed equal and impartial justice; and to obtain this, he addresses the very man whose election he had opposed. I do not mean to be understood as saying, that Mr. Burnett changed his political views, as a Jackson democrat, but simply, that it is unsafe in political contests to condemn or consign those of an opposite party to oblivion, for circumstances may so change, that we may agree on public measures, or we *may* be glad of their favor and assistance in subsequent cases.

On the 29th day of Dec. 1836, Mr. Burnett was married to Miss Lucia Maria Brunson, my second daughter, and in the spring of 1837, he removed to Cassville, in Grant county, Wisconsin. He changed the place of his residence, to be more central to his professional business, which was now greatly extending, not only in the western counties of what is now Wisconsin,