

corrupt and corrupting practice is discountenanced, discarded and abandoned, we cannot reasonably expect *purity* in our public men. In this case, it is not said that the candidate footed the rum bill, but that his friends did. This they might do without his knowledge or consent, but these friends would not be to that expense unless they expected, if their candidate was successful, to be compensated in the shape of office, contract for some public work, or by direct remuneration. In either case, *corruption* is at the bottom or foundation of the movement, and while men will thus sell their influence, the elective franchise is but a farce, and liberty is but a solemn mockery; for the people who thus dispose of their rights, are but slaves to a political demagogue, who, if he would thus purchase votes, would, in time, sell himself to a usurper of a higher grade, and become a vassal to a crowned head, if by so doing he could be well paid for his own, and the liberty of his country. These remarks are not made with reference to this case particularly, but the fact having occurred here gave rise to the general reflection.

From the numerous nominations, together with the numerous letters Mr. Burnett received from the leading men in different parts of the Territory, it was but reasonable calculation on his part, as well as on that of his friends, that he would be elected. But such is the "glorious uncertainty" of politics, as well as law, that he, like many others of merit, was doomed to be disappointed, and this one added to others heretofore alluded to, induced him to remain silent and inactive on this score for some length of time. Nor would he ever again have been a candidate for any office in the gift of the people, if he had not literally been dragged out of his retirement by his friends.

The Delegate from Wisconsin had up to this time been elected in the odd year, so that his two years ran into two Congresses, and as Judge Doty was successful 1838, and the Governor and a majority of the Legislature being opposed to him, it was deemed a favorable opportunity to get rid of him, by enacting that the election of Delegate should correspond to the election of mem-