

repealed, probably with a view to counteract the supposed influence of Gov. Doty, and the capital he might have made by the organization of the militia, and the appointment of the officers from among his friends, the majority of the Legislature being opposed to Doty. At this juncture, however, a change in the administration of the General Government had changed Governors, and Gen. Dodge was again at the helm of the Territory. But the law which abolished the militia service with a view to hamper and trammel Doty, was now, in a time of need, found to trammel and hamper Dodge, for though great fear was excited, that plunder and murder would be, or were actually being committed by the Indians, the Governor's hands were tied by the law, which he had himself approved. The representations of Indian disturbances made to the Governor, he communicated to the Assembly.

If I have been rightly informed, the emergency of the case was such, as to call the two Houses together at an evening session, to receive the Governor's Message on the subject, and to devise ways and means for the public defence. And while one was looking at another, at a loss to know what to do, Mr. Burnett penned and offered a bill to repeal the act by which the militia organization had been abolished, and to restore the former laws upon the subject. In offering the bill which contained only a few lines, he moved a suspension of the rules, so that the bill passed at once, and was sent to the Council; and, by the same process, it was passed there, and in about half an hour from the time it was first offered, the Governor had approved of it, and the whole militia of the Territory was organized, officers and all, and measures were said to be taking to call out a portion of it, to chastise the supposed marauders; when a second communication to the Governor, showed that there was no occasion for it. The first report had grown out of exaggerated statements of some white hunters, who had come in contact with some Indians in the same pursuit, and who probably took some game which the whites would have been glad to have taken; and possibly some pigs had