

many citizens of Madison, and of the Territory then at that place, met in the Capitol, when a suitable funeral discourse was delivered by Rev. Mr. McHugh, the Chaplain. This was probably one of the most, if not the most, solemnly impressive scenes ever witnessed in that place. The death of Arndt, who fell in the Council Chamber by the hand of Vineyard, probably produced more excitement, but it was of a different kind; it was produced by man acting upon his fellow man. But this was caused by the act of God, to whom all bowed in humble submission, and not with feelings of revenge or retaliation.

At the next meeting of the District Court at Mineral Point, the absence of Mr. Burnett, for the first time since that place had become a county seat, produced a most solemn impression on the minds of the Court, the bar, officers and citizens, and a public meeting was held; an address suited to the occasion was delivered by Mr. Jackson, afterwards Judge Jackson, and resolutions, similar to those of the Convention, were adopted.

Mr. Burnett left one daughter six years of age, and one son not quite two years of age, with sufficient means for their support and education, and to make a respectable beginning in the world, if spared to reach their majority, which is most ardently desired.

It will be expected, that in a memoir of so distinguished an individual, something will be said of his character. But from the relation which I sustained to him, it will at once be seen, that a delicacy rests upon me, which forbids any attempt at eulogy or panegyric upon him from my pen. I may, however, be permitted to give the naked facts, and leave the reader to enlarge according to his own ideas of propriety.

In person, Mr. Burnett was below the ordinary size, being about five feet, eight inches in height, rather slim built, and weighed about one hundred and thirty pounds. His education was not of the profound and extended character of some, being principally self-acquired; but being a diligent student, he was second to but few of his profession in legal lore, or in general historical and political knowledge, and knowing that if his aspirations in the