

This scrip was in good demand, and nearly the whole of the four hundred shares were taken. Even poor persons, who either expected to remove West, or hoped to share in large prospective gains, paid their money and took shares.

Money being raised to commence operations, Waters Towsley, C. W. Turner, and Sidney Roberts, being appointed *explorers*, left on the 25th of March, 1835, for the West. They proceeded first to Milwaukee, according to previous understanding. Each of them then took a portion of the money raised, and were to be allowed one dollar per day, and their fare paid, provided that their expenses and services did not exceed \$100 each. **Instructions were given them by the Company, as drawn up by William Bullen.** Bonds were required of each of them for the money received. Elder Woodin was constituted the other party in behalf of the Company, who, in all such transactions, was to represent it.

At the time of the appointment of the explorers, it was agreed that John Bullen, Jr., who could not then leave home, should go in the course of a few months, if money could be raised. He was to take the place of the four already mentioned, or serve in addition to them. After ascertaining that the four were soon to return, he was appointed and commissioned plenipotentiary from the Company to carry into effect what the first agents had commenced, and to take sole charge of the money raised from the four hundred more shares. It was thought that little more remained for him to do than to pay over the money on the contract supposed to have been made for an interest at Root River, now Racine.

The explorers, on coming West, made their first attempt to secure a location at Milwaukee, but finding Solomon Juneau, George H. Walker, and others, on the ground, with whom they could make no compromise, they went south to Root River, where they also found claimants. To Capt. Gilbert Knapp, Wm. Luce and Mr. Hubbard, they made proposals, and supposed they were accepted. But, for some reason, they were rejected amidst unkind feelings. The fault alleged to them, was duplicity on the part of