

Hitherto no meeting of the Company had been held in this Territory, nor any business done in their name in Southport, except by their agent, J. Bullen, Jr. Not long after this, however, Directors were appointed at Hannibal, N. Y., and some in this place, to transact business with the agent for the Company.

The first Constitution required of each member of the Company, that he should remove West to their location within a given time—by June, 1836; so that all calculated upon the Company, and the aid of all its members, whenever the home should be found. This encouraged some to remove, who would not otherwise have gone West, especially at so early a period. But on the change of the Constitution, those who had emigrated found too late that they were to bear all the burdens and expense of making and sustaining the location and the contiguous claims, while those behind were to share in the profits. This fact they saw early in the winter of 1836, and the newly appointed Directors in what afterwards became Wisconsin, resolved that to equalize the burdens, each one holding a contiguous claim be allowed \$12 per month; but in the ensuing spring, finding no funds in the hands of the Company to meet the great expense of living here, it was again resolved, that all the contiguous claims should be surrendered to the holders of the same.

The Location.—On the 25th of August, 1835, Mr. Russell Allen, who was to start on his return to New York the next day, came out on the prairie where some of us were busily engaged, and stated that he was about to return, but that he did not like to carry back the report that the Company had yet made no location; that he understood that C. W. Turner had proposed to put in his claim at the mouth of Pike River, on condition that John Bullen, Jr., would put in one, with certain others, and make a location suitable to invite the emigrators from the East, and worthy of the Company. We all went down to Bullen's, when J. Bullen, R. Allen and I went over to Wilson's and Bacon's, and after considerable conversation together, and privately, Mr. Allen delayed his journey, and a meeting of the friends of the