

certained that the Judge received a renewal of his first appointment from any governor in Michigan or elsewhere; but he could not be termed an usurper, as there appears to have existed no opposition to his judicial acts, but on the contrary, a quiet submission to his authority, and a ready acquiescence in his quaint and odd decisions.

Many amusing anecdotes are told of the Judge, and of the nature of his judgments. One, which was related to me by a friend, now deceased, who on one occasion was chosen defendant, will serve to illustrate the primitive judicial decisions in Wisconsin. My friend was sued by a Frenchman on an account, and summoned to appear before Judge Reaume. The summons was returnable at 2 o'clock, P. M., but the defendant forgot the hour. Four o'clock arrived, when he bethought himself of his remissness. He immediately repaired to the Hall of Justice, first taking the precaution, however, to slip into his overcoat pocket a bottle of good old whiskey. On entering the presence-chamber, he found the cause decided against him—the plaintiff exultant in his success—the Judge rigid and dignified. The defendant had defied his authority and disobeyed his mandate. In vain did my friend attempt to thaw the ice of the Judge's cold reserve, and obtain a re-hearing. Failing in all these efforts, the defendant rose from his seat, and approaching the door of an inner apartment, invited the Judge to follow. This he did reluctantly. When safely out of sight of the other party, the defendant slowly drew from his pocket the aforesaid black bottle, and placed it on the table, where were already glasses and water. The stern features of the Judge suddenly relaxed. It was an easy matter to prevail upon him to taste the tempting beverage; it was indeed so good, that he repeated the dose, and like many other great men before him, he lost his resentment in his love for good liquor. The Judge and the defendant soon re-entered the Justice Hall, and the plaintiff, who was still present, was required to appear, when he was informed that the court had decided to grant a re-hearing of the case. This was accordingly done, and after a brief examination,