

at \$87,000. In the year 1839, Capt. Cram, of the U. S. T. E., under the direction of the War Department, made a harbor survey at Southport, also at Pike River and Racine. The Report of the surveys and estimates of Capt. Cram, was officially published in January, 1840. On the publication of this Report, great indignation was felt by the citizens of Southport; as it estimated the construction of a harbor at the south mouth of Pike Creek (Southport) at nearly \$200,000, and at Pike River about the same amount; while at Racine, the cost of building a harbor was estimated at less than \$50,000. Capt. Cram was, at this time, said to be a real estate owner at Racine, and was charged with a deliberate intent of prejudicing the Department at Washington unfavorably to a harbor appropriation at Southport.

A public meeting was held by the people of Southport, on the 10th of February, 1840, to devise means for counteracting the influence of Capt. Cram's Report. Hitherto much jealousy had existed between the property holders of Southport and Pike River, and but little friendly intercourse existed between these two places; but the Pike River people looked upon the Report of Capt. Cram as particularly intended to disparage their harbor location,—hence, on this occasion, they, for the first time, joined with the people of Southport, to make common cause against a Government official, who, it was believed, had conspired against the interests of both Pike River and Southport. The meeting was organized early in the morning, at Seymour's tavern, continued its deliberations through the day, and did not finally close its labors until late in the evening. The result of the meeting was the passage of resolutions, strongly condemning Capt. Cram, and expressing a determination to represent the unfairness and mischievous intent of his Report to the War Department, and demand his removal from office. A committee was also appointed to proceed to Milwaukee, to obtain the co-operation of the citizens of that place in the effort to remove Capt. Cram; it be-