

mony. Thereupon the worthy foreman rose from *his* seat, and swore he would no longer sit there to hear the objections of that fellow. That he had taken an *oath as a Juror*, to decide the case according to the evidence, and if he could not hear the whole story from the witness, he *should leave*. Accordingly he made several strides towards the door, when the Justice rose from the bench, and approaching the Juror, placed his hand upon the Colonel's shoulder, and begged that he should return to his seat, promising that **the troublesome attorney should not** again interfere. After some persuasion, he consented to do so—at the same time, while pressing his hat more firmly upon his head, he exclaimed, "Well, I'll try it once more, but *damned* if I will stand any more of *that fellow's nonsense*." The attorney gave up in despair, and the opposite counsel had it all his own way.

It was not until the years 1831-32 that the Government of the United States purchased the country lying between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi, Fox and Wisconsin rivers. Hitherto these lands, with the exception of a narrow strip on both sides of the Fox River at Green Bay and the Reservation of the New York tribes, were owned, as already stated, by the Menomonee and Winnebago Indians. These tribes were numerous and powerful, not what they are at the present day. Further purchases were from time to time made, until the Indian title to nearly all of the land in the State has been extinguished. The tardiness of the Government in acquiring title to the land, was a great drawback to the settlement and improvement of the country, and will sufficiently account for its slow growth during so many years. Those who came with a view to settle here, could obtain no land. No inducements were offered, no encouragement given by the Government to emigrants; on the contrary they were looked upon with suspicion by the different parties then in possession. First, by the natives, who believed, but too truly, that the ingress of the whites would not only drive away the game, but eventually deprive them of their homes and their country; again by the