

lake, is, we think, not to be weighed with the inconvenience of subjecting, forever after, to the jurisdiction of a single State, all the inhabitants who may reside in the region west and north of the Lake." (Vide page 17 of the Report.)

I have quoted the above to show, that the committee placed the subject of extending the boundary of Michigan beyond the lake, exclusively on the ground of public policy, and not on the ground of compensating that State for the loss of what she claimed on the Ohio border. While the bill to establish the northern boundary of Ohio, on which that report was made, was before the committee, a message was received from the President of the United States, transmitting to the Senate, the Constitution of Michigan; and also a message respecting the northern boundary of Ohio. These two messages were referred to a select committee, composed of Mr. Benton, Mr. Wright, of New York, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Crittenden, and Mr. Prentiss, of Vermont. On the 22d of March, 1836, that committee reported a bill to establish the northern boundary of Ohio, and for the admission of Michigan into the Union. That bill became a law, and extended the boundary of Michigan to its present limits. That committee made no report with the bill. While the bill was pending, a paper, signed by certain citizens of Michigan, was sent to the members of Congress, remonstrating against the boundaries it proposed to establish; and charged that the country on the Ohio border had been bartered away by the Michigan delegation, for that beyond the lake. Mr. Buchanan (the present President), made a speech on that bill, in which he adverted to that charge. He said, "the paper undoubtedly conveyed the meaning, that the Senators and Representatives of Michigan had been willing to barter away the territory of the State. Now, if he had ever met with three pertinacious gentlemen in his life, it was these very men, one of whom he was proud to call his friend. The line, the irreversible line, fixed by the act of 1803, and by the Ordinance of 1787, was the burden of every song they sung. He should