

as soon have thought of obtaining the consent of a man to deprive himself of his life, as to have dreamt of obtaining the consent of these three gentlemen to a relinquishment of this line. He would do them the justice to say, that if any member of the Senate had ever heard them express the slightest willingness to accept the boundary proposed in this bill, he had been more fortunate than himself. He asked any Senator to say, whether he had ever heard from them any such intimation." Vide Appendix to Cong. Globe, 1st Session 24th Congress, page 308.

I think what I have said above, satisfactorily shows that the western boundary of Michigan was established against the strenuous opposition of her delegation, solely upon considerations of public expediency, and was not the result of any compromise, or barter of territory between Michigan and Ohio, nor was the country beyond the Lake given to Michigan as a compensation for what that State claimed on the Ohio border.

What the Committee say in their report, on the subject of the power of Congress to make more than five States out of the old North-Western Territory, with or without the consent of Virginia, is entitled to very grave consideration, in reference to the proposed formation of a new State between Wisconsin and Michigan, as it requires no prophet to predict that this objection would be made, and insisted upon with great obstinacy, by the delegation in Congress from the slave-holding States.

I am, with great respect,

Your most ob't servant,

S. F. VINTON.

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MENASHA, July 7th, 1859.

HON. C. BILLINGHURST:

DEAR SIR—Your favor of the 26th of June, was not received until to-day.

The question, whether the boundaries of the North-Western States were *fixed* by the Ordinance of 1787; and whether