

casian that Gov. Cass, supported by his assistants and canoe-men, in the presence of the assembled dignitaries of the fierce Chippewas, and in defiance of their menaces, pulled down the British flag, which those Indians had displayed on the American side of the Straits on his arrival, and hoisted the *Stars and Stripes* in its place. Mr. Doty was present, and aided, with his own hands, in displaying the American flag. He often spoke of it as a most exciting scene. The party left Detroit early in May, traversed the Lakes, and reached the sources of the Mississippi, held conferences with various Indian tribes, and returned the last of November. Mr. Doty, besides having charge of one of the canoes, acted as secretary of the expedition.

In the winter of 1821, Mr. Doty was at Washington, where Mr. Henry Wheaton procured his admission as attorney in the Supreme Court of the United States at the age of twenty-two years.

In the winter of 1822-3, Congress passed an "act to provide for the appointment of an additional Judge, for the Michigan Territory," and to establish courts in the counties of Michillimackinac, Brown and Crawford; the two latter counties embracing all that is now Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Dacotah. From the numerous applicants for the place, President Monroe selected James Duane Doty, of Detroit, for the new Judge. No more suitable appointment could have been made. With the exception of the two small settlements of Green Bay and Prairie Du Chien, the whole vast area west of Lake Michigan was an unbroken wilderness, and Judge Doty soon proved himself just the man to traverse, explore and expose its wild recesses to civilization.

Descending the Lake from Green Bay to New York, in May, 1823, the writer found him in Detroit, already on the way to his new circuit accompanied by his wife, whom he had just married—the eldest daughter of Gen. Collins, of New Hartford, Oneida Co., N. Y. The lady has since proven herself eminently qualified for the wife of one destined to the eventful career which has since marked the foot-steps of her husband.