

inhabited and possessed by the Aborigines. His sagacious mind saw the importance of conciliating these natives; he visited every village of note; made himself acquainted with, and gained the good will of the chiefs; and contributed, in no small degree, to the good understanding which followed between the Government and these savage tribes. In the course of these explorations he traveled over the whole of the southern part of our State many times—often quite alone—stopping in the deep forest wherever night overtook him, tying his Indian pony to a sapling, and with his saddle for a pillow, laying down under his blanket with as little concern as if in his own house.

In 1830, Congress made an appropriation for surveying and locating a military road from Green Bay to Chicago, and to Prairie Du Chien. Judge Doty and Lieut. Center, of the U. S. army, were appointed Commissioners, and surveyed and located these roads during 1831 and 1832. Reposing from these labors and travels, Judge Doty projected a map of this Upper Country, from which in the main, one was soon afterwards—but before the surveys—constructed for the use of the War Department, and which to this day is still used there.

Judge Doty's talents for usefulness were now conceded and appreciated by all; the people of the district of Michigan west of the Lake elected him to the Legislative Council, in 1834, in which he served with marked ability for two years. It was while he was a member, that the Legislative Council of that Territory began to agitate the question of a State Government, which he was first to introduce, and which finally prevailed.

Returning from the Legislative Council, he became an active operator in the public land sales, which were opened at Green Bay in 1835-6. He was applied to from all quarters by capitalists, to take agencies for the purchase of choice locations in the Green Bay land district. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were placed at his disposal for investment—such confidence had they in his integrity and knowledge of the country, and its best points for future towns and cities. The result showed the confidence not misplaced; many of the most pop-