

would literally leap from their seats, and in a frenzy of excitement, fill the air with their savage yells. I had read in that charming book of WIRT'S, *THE LIFE OF PATRICK HENRY*, his description of the effect of HENRY'S eloquence in the celebrated trial of the parsons, and, it seemed to me, an incident and a power which had passed away with the heroes of that time—not to be renewed, or permitted to be observed by us, their degenerate descendants; but here in the wilds of the North West, among these native sons of the forest, I was permitted to see the full working of this wonderful power of mind over mind.

HOLE IN THE DAY was the only man in the nation who was feared by the traders and Government officers. I do not mean that they feared personal injury, or were in danger of coming into personal conflict with him; but they feared his influence with his people. Although he was not inimical to our Government, yet he was very jealous of the honor and the rights of his own nation; instances of the violation of both of which he had been forced occasionally to witness. He had seen portions of their territory passing away by treaty to the United States, and the price, in many instances, perhaps, not altogether an unfair one, enticed from them by the cunning and artifice of the hordes of petty traders who thronged the annual payments, leaving the poor savage nothing adequate in return either for his land or his money; and actuated, no doubt, by a sincere regard for the welfare of his people, he had both in private and in public councils, thrown all the weight of his influence and authority against this policy, or rather, want of policy, on their part. The traders made use of every effort that promised any returns to overcome this opposition, and win him to their interests, but without any real success. But the stores of goods and the boxes of coin, with which the Indians were tempted, proved too powerful even for the eloquence of their favorite leader to wholly withstand. Still his influence was sufficient to keep the traders in a state of constant anxiety. They courted his favor, but he met them with coldness and reserve; they offered him presents, but, as a general thing, he