

Gen. Cass at St. Marie 1820

As an appropriate appendage to Gen. Ellis' sketch of Gov. Doty, and Rev. Dr. Brunson's paper on Hole-in-the-Day, we give the following incident, referred to in those narratives and which we take from the Milwaukee *Wisconsin* of Sept. 11, 1855, relating to Gov. Cass' expedition, in 1820, to Lake Superior, and the Upper Mississippi, of which Gov. Doty was one of the party:

At the *Sault*, an important incident occurred, which illustrated the true courage of Gen. Cass. He certainly exhibited the most lofty traits in this calm fearlessness in the midst of imminent danger. Such a history puts to flight all political fables about his destitution of courage. The author is the editor of the *Toledo Blade*, a political opponent. He obtained the facts on the recent excursion of the Planet, from C. C. Trowbridge, of Detroit, who was one of the batteaux party, thirty-five years ago:

Upon arriving at the Sault Ste Marie, the party entered into negotiations with the Chippewa Indians for the purchase of a piece of land upon which the garrison now stands. The lavish expenditure of British money in the annual presentation of gifts to the natives, and the niggardly policy of our Government toward them, had inspired the Indians with respect for the one nation, and contempt for the other. The war, then lately closed, had increased British influence to our injury, and the presence of a British garrison on the Canadian side of the river, was a fountain of bad counsel to the Red Men, and a place of safety in case of need. The feelings, therefore, of the Indians were not friendly towards this expedition, and the enterprise was one of great danger.

Gen. Cass invited the chiefs to his tent, in the center of