

President Adams, dated November 3d, and the two Indians were discharged.

The termination of the Winnebago War brought a temporary restoration of peace, which revived anew the adventurous spirit of immigration, and brought with it a large influx of miners and others to the lead mines, and prosperity and progress constantly attended the increasing settlements of the country, which received no material check until the occurrence of the Black Hawk War in 1832.

The village of Black Hawk, or, as he called himself, Black Sparrow Hawk, on the left bank of the Mississippi, near the mouth of Rock River, included the site of the present city of Rock Island. This Indian village was all embraced within the limits of the territory ceded by the treaty with the Sauks and Foxes, made at St. Louis on the 3d November, 1804, by Gen. William Henry Harrison. The validity of this treaty, which was not signed by Black Hawk, was denied by him, and although it was ratified and confirmed by another treaty made in May, 1816, to which Black Hawk affixed his mark, he pretended to be ignorant of what he had done, and denied that the second treaty had any more validity than the first.

Previous to 1831, the white settlers were in possession of much of the country east of the Mississippi, around Black Hawk's village, and even of the village itself; and in the spring of that year, the chief, driven to desperation in his fruitless attempts to resist what he chose to consider the lawless encroachments of the white settlers, and aggravated by a recent murderous attack of friendly Menomonees, near Prairie du Chien, crossed the Mississippi from the west, with his own band of about three hundred warriors, usually called the British band, together with the women and children, with a purpose to regain, if possible, the possession of the home of his people, and the burial place of his forefathers.

He ordered the white settlers away, threw down their fences, unroofed their houses, cut up their grain, drove off and killed their cattle, and threatened the people with death if they remained. About the first of June, six companies of the United