

to accompany us, saying he did not agree to conduct us to Gen. Atkinson. It was only by the use of severe language on the part of Col. Dodge, that White Crow was prevailed on to continue with us. We reached Atkinson's camp that night, and returned the next day to Whitewater near where Black Hawk was encamped.

That night Capt. Charles Dunn—afterwards Chief Justice Dunn, of Wisconsin—was accidentally wounded. The next morning, a reconnaissance of Black Hawk's encampment was made—Black Hawk's Island, at the upper end of Lake Koshkonong—by Col. W. S. Hamilton, who at that time commanded a small company of rangers and spies made up of friendly Menomonees and some whites. It was found that Black Hawk had, during the preceding night, abandoned his encampment. It proved to be a very advantageous position for him, in case he had been attacked from the opposite or west side of the river, which was thought to have been the pre-arranged plan between him and White Crow; and it was believed by many, that in case Dodge and Alexander had, under the guidance of White Crow, attacked Black Hawk, in this almost unapproachable position, they would have been defeated. It was in this view of the case, that suspicions of treachery were entertained against White Crow. His village, I think, was on the western side of Koshkonong Lake; but the troops did not pass in sight of it.

I have no recollection of the locality of the Burnt Village, said to have been on Whitewater. None of our troops could have burned it, or, I think, I should have remembered the circumstance. Cranberry Lake of those days is what is now known as Horicon Lake.

Pierre Paquette, with some five or six Indians, joined us at some point near the Four Lakes; and were with us in the battle of Wisconsin Heights, but left immediately thereafter.

I can recall nothing about the Indian ambushade formed near the crossing of the Catfish;¹ but Indian signs were fresh and plenty. Our encampment, on the night of July

¹ Mentioned by Col. D. M. Parkinson, *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, II, p. 356.