

adds: "Some difference of opinion seems to exist there [at Prairie du Chien], as to the question whether it was originally built by the French or by the Spanish government." Yet Dr. Butler, upon exactly such tradition as that on which Mr. Lee bases his report as to the fort, says it was certainly a French fort, and Dr. Draper is equally positive that it was erected in 1755.

Accompanying the report of Mr. Lee is the "United States map," I speak of in my paper, read before the Madison Literary Club. It is simply a "Plan of the Settlement at Prairie des Chiens," in 1820, on which is marked the supposed French fort.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For Mr. Lee's *Report* and accompanying map, see *American State Papers* (Public Lands), vol. iv, p. 867. The reader will, in examining that *Report*, observe that, in the testimony of five or six of the inhabitants, therein given, the French fort is spoken of, as if it then, in 1820, was in existence; but the references, as the context shows, are only to the spot where tradition has fixed the location of the supposed fort.