

*tician* — and a “ripe and a good one.” Few men in the U. S. at his time of life, had entered so completely into a knowledge of the politicks of the U. S. both at home and in its foreign relations. I am apprehensive Illinois is not destined *soon* to be so ably represented upon the floor of Congress. I saw it but a moment past when about to close my letter. It has cast a gloom o’er me and dashed some bright anticipations that were floating in my mind for Ill.

Should you correspond with any person at W. City likely to do me any good, you w’d greatly oblige me by casually mentioning me as one of the commissioners to treat with the Winnebagoes next summer. I am here, and it w’d be a little mortifying if some person was sent here, *over my head*, to treat with these Indians. Make my respects to Mrs. Edwards and Ninian, and suffer me to renew to you assurances of my high respect and deep obligations.

Your friend,

JOS. M. STREET.

*Gov. Ninian Edwards, Belleville, Ill.*

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p. 395) pays this tribute to him: “He rose high, shined bright and died soon. He was at one time the darling and idol of the people; he was great, brilliant and active in his mind; his qualifications of heart were noble, generous and benevolent.” Street’s estimate of his friend appears to have been a just one.—ED.