

In 1828, I went upon a canoe voyage from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien, up the Fox and down the Wisconsin rivers. I was in company with Judge James Duane Doty,¹ his marshal, Thomas Rowland, and the deputy marshal, William Meldrum — all of Detroit except myself. The year before, had occurred the Winnebago outbreak at Prairie du Chien, and the murderer Red Bird and his friends were now to be tried at a special term of court. Judge Doty had appointed me United States district attorney, *pro tem.*,² hence my presence with this judicial party. Our conveyance was a large birch-bark canoe, manned by four voyageurs, picked up at the Bay; and our time of leaving, the first of August.

At Kaukauna rapids, we found Augustin Grignon. The Menomonees had a planting ground on the south side of the stream, but there was no village there.

On Doty's island, very near the mouth, on the west channel, was the village of Hootschope, or Four Legs, the well-known Winnebago chieftain. There were from one hundred and fifty to two hundred lodges there, covered with bark or mats. We found Four Legs to be a very ordinary looking Indian and only stopped at his town for a few minutes, while the voyageurs]were taking our craft over the Winnebago rapids.

Garlic island was the next stopping place. There was a Winnebago village there of about the same size as that over which Four Legs presided. The lodges, however, were longer and neater. We purchased a supply of vegetables of the island villagers.

At Butte des Morts was a large village of the Menomonees. Their chief, I think, was Oshkosh. It was difficult,— impossible, in fact,— to correctly estimate the population of these villages we passed on our way, for the females and children of both sexes were exceedingly shy and kept out of view.

¹ Appointed Feb. 1, 1823, as additional judge for the Territory of Michigan, with jurisdiction over that portion of the Territory lying west of Lake Michigan; salary, \$1,200 per annum.— Ed.

² The United States district attorney for Michigan was Daniel Leroy, with a salary of \$200 per annum and fees.— Ed.