

Vineyard threatened to shoot me. The governor heard of the disturbance and, getting us together in his room, reconciled us.

On Friday, the 11th of February, 1842, in the council chamber at Madison, Vineyard shot and mortally wounded my colleague from Brown county, Charles C. P. Arndt.¹ The following day I addressed the council on the death of Arndt and offered resolutions of sympathy with the widow and for preparations for the funeral,² which were adopted. I also drew up the resolutions which were offered by Ebenezer Brigham, of Dane, Monday, February 14, formally expelling Vineyard from the council, despite the fact that he had handed in a letter of resignation. Every member of the council voted for these resolutions except Moses M. Strong, of Mineral Point, who became one of Vineyard's counsel. Vineyard never entertained any hostility to me for what I did. That same winter I was in Platteville. He sought me out and expressed himself strongly on the subject of the tragedy, saying he had not slept a night since the event and would readily change places with Arndt.

I was president of the second state constitutional convention, which assembled at Madison, Dec. 15, 1847, and have distinct recollections of the leading spirits in that body. The strongest man in it was Judge Charles Dunn. I looked upon him as eminently sensible and conscientious. He was very much of an American in his instincts, and whenever the suffrage article was being discussed was strongly inclined to impose restrictions upon the citizenship of the foreign born and the exercise of suffrage by them. Judge Edward V. Whiton was another strong man in the convention,—a very efficient and reasonable man, with a great deal of forethought. Whiton was always ready to express sensible ideas on every question that came up. His was such a broad character that he developed no specialty during the great conference; he left his mark upon no especial

¹ Strong's *Hist. Wis. Terr.*, pp. 380-385.—ED.

² *Council Jour., Wis. Terr. Legis.*, 1842, p. 306.—ED.