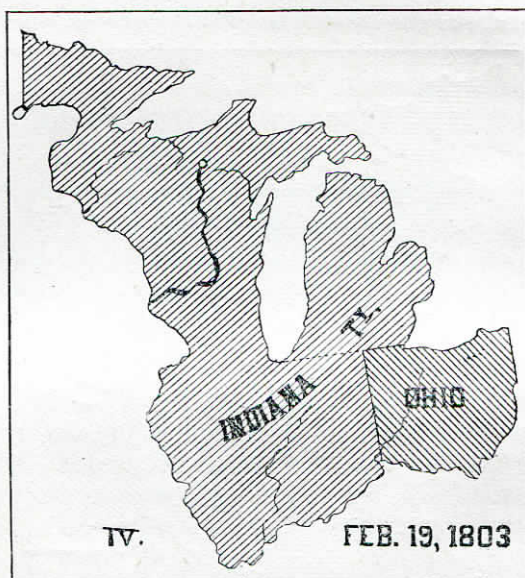


lished by, and extending to, a direct line, running from the southern extremity of Lake Michigan to the most northerly cape of the Miami bay," etc.

"The eastern division" of the Northwest Territory, now organized under the name of the state of Ohio, was formally admitted as such to the Union, by act approved February 19, 1803; nothing being said in the recognition act relative to the boundary, it was taken for granted by the Ohio people that the proviso was accepted.

On the 11th of January, 1805, an act of congress was approved, erecting the territory of Michigan out of "all

that part of the Indiana Territory which lies north of a line drawn east from the southerly bend, or extreme, of Lake Michigan, until it shall intersect Lake Erie, and east of a line drawn from the said southerly bend through the middle of said lake to its northern extremity,



and thence due north to the northern boundary of the United States." In short, the present southern peninsula of Michigan with a southern boundary as established by the ordinance of 1787, and all that portion of the upper peninsula lying east of the meridian of Mackinaw. Congress had admitted Ohio to the Union with a tacit recognition of the northern boundary laid down in her constitutional proviso, yet so little thought had been given to the matter, and geographical knowledge of the West was still so vague, that this circumstance had been overlooked, and Michigan Territory was allowed a southern limit which, though in strict accordance