

call No Man's Land, and all of the Northwest Territory west of it, taken in "for temporary purposes only" under the wing of Michigan Territory, which now embraced all the country between the Mississippi river and Lakes Erie, St. Clair and Huron, and north of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The northern boundary of Illinois was fixed at $42^{\circ} 30'$, which is over sixty-one miles north of the southern bend of Lake Michigan, the southern boundary prescribed by the ordinance for the fourth and fifth states to be formed out of the old Northwest Territory. Thus were the express terms of the ordinance, which had been declared to be "forever unalterable except by common consent," again violated, without so much as saying "by your leave" to the people west of Lake Michigan who lived north of $42^{\circ} 30'$. What was afterwards Wisconsin was thereby robbed of eight thousand five hundred square miles of rich agricultural and mining country and numerous lake-ports, through the shrewd manipulation of Nathaniel Pope, Illinois's delegate in congress at that time. Pope speciously argued that Illinois must become intimately connected with the growing commerce of the northern lakes, or else she would be led, from her commercial relations upon the great rivers trending to the south, to join a southern confederacy in case the Union were disrupted.¹

An act of congress approved June 28, 1834, added to the Territory of Michigan, "for temporary purposes," the lands lying north of the state of Missouri and between the Mississippi river on the east and the Missouri and White Earth² rivers on the west, which had been acquired from France as a part of the Louisiana purchase, in 1803.³ Michigan

¹ *Annals of Congress*, 1818, vol. ii., p. 1677; Ford's *Hist. of Ill.*, p. 22; Davidson and Struve's *Hist. of Ill.*, p. 295.

² A small northern tributary of the Missouri, having its source some thirty miles south of the international boundary; it empties into the Missouri near the western boundary of Mountrail county, Dakota, about eighty-five miles west of the meridian of Bismarck.

³ The clause of this act relating to area is as follows: "All that part of the territory of the United States bounded on the east by the Mississippi river, on the south by the state of Missouri and a line drawn due west from the northwest corner of said state [then on the meridian of Kansas