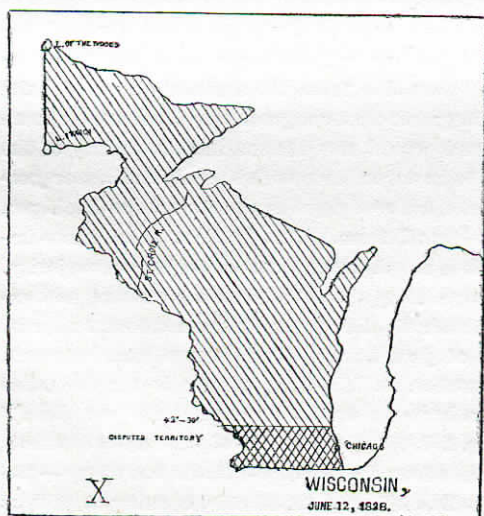


stripped of the upper peninsula altogether. The land line decided upon, between Wisconsin and Michigan — connecting the Montreal and Menomonee rivers — appears to have been the suggestion, in 1834, of Senator Preston of South Carolina.¹ An old map of Wisconsin, then in vogue, erroneously showed a continuous water-course between those two points, thus making an island of the northern peninsula.

April 20, 1836, the bill establishing the new Territory was approved, Wisconsin being therein assigned these limits: "Bounded on the east by a line drawn from the northeast corner of the state of Illinois, through the middle of Lake Michigan, to a point in the middle of said lake and opposite the main channel of Green bay, and through said channel and Green bay to the mouth of the Menomonee river; thence through the middle of the main channel of said river to that head of said river nearest to the Lake of the Desert; thence in a direct line to the middle of said lake; thence through the middle of the main channel of the Montreal river to its mouth; thence with a direct line across Lake Superior to where the territorial line of the United States last



touches said lake northwest; thence on the north with the said territorial line to the White Earth river; on the west by a line from the said boundary line following down the middle of the main channel of White Earth river to the Missouri river, and down the middle of the main

channel of the Missouri river to a point due west from the northwest corner of the state of Missouri; and on the south, from said point, due east to the northeast corner of the state

¹ *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, iv., p. 352.