

sight of the principle that, whatever may be the sacrifice, THE INTEGRITY OF HER BOUNDARIES MUST BE OBSERVED."

The report closes with a "call" on congress to "do justice, while yet it is not too late, to a people who have hitherto been weak and unprotected, but who are rapidly rising to giant greatness, and who, at no distant day, will show to the world that they lack neither the disposition nor the ability to protect themselves."

The address seems, very naturally, to have created no small disturbance in the territorial legislature, and some rather bitter speeches were made both in its advocacy and its denunciation; while proffered amendments fairly showered in, the most significant coming from Benjamin Hunkins of Milwaukee, who suggested that the bristling document should be entitled: "A declaration of war against Great Britain, Illinois, Michigan and the United States."

Mr. Hunkins appears to have been in earnest over his proposed fire-eating amendment, for a few days afterward we find him offering still another, to the effect that the memorialists "hereby proclaim to the Union that they will never abandon their claim to that part of the state of Michigan formerly detached from this Territory and annexed to that state, but will maintain it to the death!" This amendment, like all the others, was negatived.

The address was finally adopted in the house, January 24, 1844, after protracted filibustering, by the close vote of fourteen to twelve. In the council it was concurred in, three days later, without division. On the 18th of March it was formally laid before the United States senate.

It is, perhaps, needless to add that congress paid no attention to so belligerent a communication, and Wisconsin, with all her war talk, regained none of the territory which had been taken from her; nor, until long after, any of the internal improvements which she had so imperiously demanded.

The act of August 6, 1846, enabling the people of Wisconsin to form a state constitution, established the following northeast boundary: "Through Lake Michigan, Green bay, to the mouth of Menomonee river; thence up the channel of