

## PAPERS OF INDIAN AGENT BOYD—1832.

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SKETCH OF GEORGE AND JAMES M. BOYD, BY HERBERT B.  
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Colonel George Boyd, Jr., was born about 1779 in the eastern part of Maryland. His father, George Boyd, Sr., was a Scotchman, who came to this country before the Revolutionary War, and practiced law in Maryland; he was a brother of Walter Boyd, of Boyd & Kean, bankers in London and Paris. George Boyd, Jr., was truly one of the government's most faithful employees. His integrity bore the scrutiny of various administrative changes during his thirty-five years of official life. He began his service early in life, in the Bank of the Metropolis, at Washington, D. C.

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<sup>1</sup> The letter- and record-book kept by Colonel George Boyd while United States Indian agent at Green Bay, from 1832 to 1840, was presented to the Society in June, 1887, by Lieutenant James M. Boyd, of South Kaukauna, son of Colonel Boyd, and himself a veteran of the Black Hawk War and an honored pioneer. The book lacks apparently but a few pages at the commencement of being complete, and is in a good state of preservation. It throws many interesting side-lights on early Wisconsin history, and from time to time selections therefrom will be published in these volumes. The extracts here given cover the period of the Black Hawk War, being the documentary history of the Stambaugh expedition.

For Morgan L. Martin's estimate of Indian Agent Boyd, see *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, xi., pp. 392, 393.

In her reminiscences of early Wisconsin, in the *Green Bay State Gazette*, June 29, 1887, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Baird writes: "In September, 1832, Colonel George Boyd came from Mackinac to occupy the agency house, lately vacated by Colonel Samuel Stambaugh, Indian agent, who had been removed to some other place. The agency house was only about a quarter of a mile from our farm, so we considered that we were not only to have

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