

North West Territory, west of Michigan and north of the State of Illinois, accompanied by a letter of his own recommending the measure. He has since arrived here himself, and has revived the subject, and induced the delegate from Michigan to submit a resolution. On consulting with me, we have both agreed that a request should come from the inhabitants in the form of a memorial, to be signed by the whole of them, in which they should state the inconveniences of their present situation, the advantages of a change, and the necessity of having a higher officer than an agent to superintend the Indian affairs of the Upper Mississippi. The topics will readily suggest themselves, and the Memorial could be prepared and signed this summer, and laid before the ensuing congress. If directed to me, I will undertake to present it, and to claim for it an attentive consideration.

I should be glad to have a letter from you, occasionally, and to be informed of all that you should think worth communicating from your remote region.

Very Respectfully, Sir,

Yr. obt. Servant,

THOMAS H. BENTON.

Hon. Judge Doty.

Addressed: "Hon. Judge Doty, Prairie du Chien."

Indorsed: "The Honbl. Thomas H. Benton, Washington. D. May 8, 1824. R. July 30, 1824. A. Dec. 1, 1824. sent Mem. of bill for new govt."

PETITION OF TRANS-MICHIGAN INHABITANTS.¹

The petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the County of Brown in the Territory of Michigan, respectfully sheweth.

Wisconsin." They are of great value in a study of the origins of our Territorial organization, and serve to illustrate the article referred to. Doty at this time was United States circuit judge for the portion of Michigan Territory lying west of Lake Michigan. Benton was United States senator from Missouri, and a warm friend of all schemes for promoting Western interests.— Ed.

¹ This, apparently the original draft, is in Doty's handwriting.— Ed.