

Territory may be divided into two separate governments, and that such form of government may [be] provided for that section of the Territory in which they reside, as Congress in its wisdom may deem suitable and necessary; and the seat of govt. may be established, upon the Fox River in the said county of Brown, the settlement upon the said river being the only central settlement within the contemplated territory.

They would respectfully suggest the following boundaries for a new territory, if it should be thought expedient to erect one, that is to say, on the South, by the northern boundary line of the State of Illinois, &c.

Addressed: "Free. Thomas H. Benton

Hon. Judge Doty, Prairie du Chien. Upper Mppi."

Indorsed: "Remote from the seat of govt.

natural divisions.—

Inconvenience of present system politically and civilly.

Terms of Legislature.

Difficulties of making returns of Elections.

Judiciary — Terl. jurisdiction —

U. S. cases — revenue

Indian cases —

"The situation of the District is entirely different from that of the residue of the Territory, and requires altogether a different system of laws — Impropriety of two different systems under the same govt.—"

MEMORANDA UPON THE PETITION.¹

Chippewau Territory.

Petition &c.—

N. W. Tery	.....in 1790....	36,691.
"	..... 1800....	45,365.
Indiana	..... 1800....	5,641.
	..... 1810....	24,520.
Illinois	..... 1810....	12,282.
Mississippi Tery	.... 1800....	8,850.
"	.... 1810....	40,352.
Orleans	..... " ....	76,556.
Louisiana	..... " ....	20,845.
Michigan	..... 1810....	4,762.

¹These memoranda, also in Doty's handwriting, cover the filing of the