

The commerce upon the upper Lakes has increased rapidly within a few years. At Green Bay vessels arrive and depart almost weekly during the spring summer and autumn. On the Missis. three or four trips are made every spring during the high water with a steam boat to Prairie du Chien & St. Peters. It is probable if the rapids could be passed they could navigate the river to the Prairie at any season except winter. Much of the business is still done in keel boats whose passages are long, tedious & expensive.

The residue of the information desired by you will be found I presume in the Petition for a new Territory which was circulated among the Inhabitants in this District for signatures during the last season, a copy of which I take the liberty of adding to this communication.

Indorsed: "Historical abstract of the U. S. Territories.

View of the Territory north and west of Lakes Huron and Michigan.

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