

## A SAW-MILL SITE AT WISCONSIN RIVER RAPIDS.

Whereas it appears by a certain instrument of writing signed by the principal chiefs of the Menominie tribe of Indians bearing date the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1831 that permission has been granted by said Tribe to Daniel Whitney of Green Bay to erect mills and occupy a quantity of land at or near the rapids of the upper Wisconsin river;<sup>1</sup> the boundaries of said mill site and lands being fully described in the instrument of writing aforesaid: And whereas it also appears, by a letter from the War Department dated September 8<sup>th</sup> 1831. that the aforesaid grant or permission by the Menominie Chiefs to Daniel Whitney has been approved of by the Secretary of War; with this condition in addition to those prescribed by the Indians to be embraced in the bond to be required of said Whitney for the due observance of the same; viz that the lands to be occupied by said Whitney under the permission granted to him by the Menominies are to be held by him subject to the will of the Government and that he is at any time to yield quiet possession to the United States, whenever required by any authorized officer of the Government And the Secretary of War further directs; that the acting agent of Indian affairs at Green Bay draw a bond in the usual form, conditioned for the observance of all the conditions above stated and after it has been executed by the said Whitney, and approved of by the said agent, the original shall be recorded in the Registers office of Brown County before it is forwarded to the Department.

Now be it known that I the above named Daniel Whitney do hereby covenant and agree for myself my heirs and as-

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<sup>1</sup> In the autumn of 1829, James H. Lockwood and Joseph Rolette had obtained from the secretary of war a permit to erect a saw-mill on the Chippewa River or one of its tributaries, and in the early summer of 1830 built their establishment on the Menomonee River. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ii, pp. 133-141. This permit to Whitney is referred to, *Ibid.*, p. 141. Whitney, who arrived at Green Bay in 1816, was the founder of Navarino (1830), built saw-mills, was interested in the Helena shot tower, and conducted a considerable trade.—ED.