

uation of the *Green Bay settlement*, as a point from which we can understandingly approach the different boundary lines of the disputed territory, and then detail the particular facts relating to it which I have been able to collect by a careful and laborious examination. With these preliminary remarks, Sir, I submit, with due respect, the following Report for your consideration; and request that it may be laid before the Senate of the United States in any manner or form you may deem most advisable.

The Country claimed by the Menominie Tribe of Indians lies within the bounds of the contemplated Territory of Huron.¹ As an agricultural and commercial place it may be with safety said, that it will occupy the most central and important part of the new Territory, and must naturally be the first to attract the attention of emigrants intending to engage in those pursuits. It is bounded on the East by Lake Michigan — on the South by the head waters of Winnebago Lake and the Rocky [Rock] and Manaywaukee [Milwaukee] rivers — on the West, by the Wisconsin, Chippewa and Black rivers — and on the North, by the Chippewa Country, in the direction of Lake Superior. The quantity of Land within these boundaries may be fairly estimated at *eight millions of acres!* And, I believe it is not presuming too much to say, at least two thirds of it is fit for cultivation, and offers attractions to the Agriculturist rarely to be found in any country. The *soil* presents every indication of fertility — it appears generally to be a mixture of brown loam and marl; is very deep, and wherever its properties have been tested has been found uncommonly productive. The whole country is bountifully supplied with water from Lakes, rivers and innumerable small creeks; and, with the exception of several extensive and valuable prairies, it is covered with a heavy growth of Oak, Hickory,

¹ For several years, James Duane Doty attempted to have the "Territory of Huron" created by Congress, with Green Bay as its capital; he had previously suggested the name "Territory of Chippewau;" later the name "Wisconsin" was substituted. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xi, pp. 380, 465, 470; and xii, pp. 220-246.— Ed.