

reservation. The frontiersmen ruled otherwise. The long rifle and the breaking plow vetoed everything that was intended to keep Iowa a wilderness.

Lewis Cass was governor of Michigan during the brief period when Iowa was a part of that territory; and Henry Dodge was governor of Wisconsin while Iowa was part of that territory.

There were two rather peculiar phases of Iowa history as related to the rulers and the governors. One was that time just mentioned when the land was left virtually without any government for thirteen years, a time when the homeseekers were crossing the Mississippi in whole regiments and taking possession of the rich land. The other was that earlier time when from 1800 to 1803, the Province of Louisiana was supposed to be a French possession, but Spanish officials remained in full control. It might easily have been that Iowa could have become either French or Spanish or part of an independent nation. The diplomatic and military moves were confusing and adventurers were scheming. Fortunately the good sense of American pioneers reached a wise solution to all problems.

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Gov. Stephen Hempstead: By an act of the general assembly approved February 5, 1851, it was provided that as soon as the congress of the United States should give their consent, the saline lands belonging to the state might be sold, and the proceeds thereof constitute a fund for the founding and support of a lunatic asylum; and that five thousand dollars of the principal thus obtained, should be applied under the direction of the superintendent of public instruction, for the use of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk.—Message to House of Representatives, Jan. 11, 1853.

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