

ferred from the jurisdiction of Michigan territory to that of Wisconsin territory in 1836, and that it became Iowa territory in 1838. Burlington was, therefore, in Wisconsin territory when Judge Mason settled there.

The occurrence of minor errors like these seems to be inevitable, even with the greatest vigilance; but while it is desirable to correct them, they cannot seriously impair the great and increasing value which all readers recognize in *THE ANNALS* under your rehabilitation and editorial management.

CHARLES A. WHITE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15, 1901.

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#### ANOTHER LETTER FROM GOV. KIRKWOOD.

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, Oct. 15, 1901.

MY DEAR SIR: Some time since in looking over a bundle of old papers belonging to my father during his lifetime, I found the enclosed letter from Governor Kirkwood to Col. Cyrus Bussey. I have regarded it as containing matters of more than personal interest, and therefore send it to you, and if it has any value you may retain it in your collection.

The letter is read with a better understanding, when it is known that during the early days of the war, and the few years preceding the opening of the great conflict, Salem, in the south part of Henry county, and not far distant from the Missouri line, was an important station on the underground railroad, and escaping slaves often found harbor and sustenance there. By reason of such conditions there was, as I well remember, alarm felt during the early days of 1861, because of open threats of the Missourians that a raid would be made upon the village, and it was to protect against such that I assume the order contained in the letter was given. At the time this note was written my father was a resident of Salem and a member of the general assembly from Henry county, and I presume he secured from Governor Kirkwood this order to Col. Bussey in the interests of the community he represented. Yours very sincerely,

W. S. WITHROW.

MR. CHARLES ALDRICH, Des Moines, Iowa.

COL. BUSSEY: If you possibly can do so, spare some arms to Salem. They are in daily fear of an attack, and as the rebels seem to have a proclivity in these days for destroying railroads, and Salem is a station on a leading road, there is some cause for fear.

Very truly,

July 27, 1861.

SAMUEL J. KIRKWOOD.

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