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Owing to contrary winds, the "Mariner," Captain Johnson, in which we had agreed to take passage, did not reach Detroit until the ninth of October. In consequence of ill health, Mr. Brush could not leave home; and thus I was deprived of all the advantages anticipated from his great experience, ability, and talents. I then employed Captain Joshua Boyer, as secretary; and the vessel having got ready for sailing on the subsequent day, we left Detroit for Green Bay.

I have examined the following journal of our proceedings, kept by him during our absence, and certify it to be correct.

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DETROIT, *December 10, 1832.*

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Soon afterwards, the Menomonies were called into the council room, and their agreement being fully explained to them, they all signed it, expressing great satisfaction at the prospect now presented of soon getting away to their homes and their hunting grounds. They received and accepted the like invitation for dinner on Monday, and then withdrew.

And thus closed the business of a busy week, after 10 o'clock on Saturday night.

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