

States purchased Louisiana from France. Upon the first call for volunteers to defend the frontier against invasion by Great Britain and her savage allies, Henry Dodge raised a company of mounted volunteers; and rose from the rank of Captain, passing through all the intermediate grades, to that of Brigadier General to which he was appointed by President James Madison in 1814. He was a member of the convention that in 1820 formed the Constitution under which Missouri was admitted into the Union.

In 1827 Henry Dodge migrated to the Territory of Michigan (now the State of Wisconsin), and in that year led a company of mounted volunteers, in several campaigns against the hostile tribe of Winnebago Indians forcing them to capitulate and to surrender those of their tribe who had murdered his neighbors. Here in 1832, when Black Hawk at the head of the so called "British" band of Sac and Fox Indians invaded Illinois and Wisconsin, spreading desolation and death in their track, Henry Dodge again appeared in the field at the head of a mounted regiment of volunteers, composed of his friends and neighbors. He served in several campaigns, in three of which, by almost unprecedented forced marches, he succeeded in overtaking the Indians and in forcing them to battle; viz: at the Pecatonica, Wisconsin Heights, and Bad Axe. In the fight first named (Pecatonica), of small numbers on each side he destroyed the entire party of the Savages; himself killing their Chief in a hand to hand encounter. He was soon after placed by President Jackson in command of a thousand Mounted Rangers, raised for the protection of the frontiers of the North West.

In 1834 he was appointed by the same President to command the first regiment of Dragoons. He led his regiment to the Texas frontier, and along the base of the Rocky Mountains,—(then almost a Terra Incognita),—holding councils and making treaties with some 25 different Tribes of Indians and forcing them to surrender the Americans, whom they had held in captivity for many years.

In 1836 he was taken from the Army and appointed Governor of Wisconsin by President Jackson, in deference to the almost unanimous expression of the people whom he was to govern. He was reappointed by Presidents Van Buren and Polk,—filling that place some ten years. He was twice chosen to the House of Representatives of the U. S. as Delegate from the Territory of Wisconsin, and twice elected to the Senate of the U. S. after Wisconsin became a State; and passed fourteen years in the two Houses of Congress.

His son Augustus C. Dodge was appointed Register of the Land Office by President Van Buren in 1838. He was four times elected