

tended to confine the Indians at Fortress Monroe, at Old Point Comfort, Va. but after this interview the president altered his determination, and concluded to send them home on parole, after enforcing upon their minds the folly of contending with the whites in war. To effect this object, it was ordered that they should visit some of the most populous cities in the United States. Accordingly, they visited Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. From the latter place they took their departure for the west, 26 June, by way of Albany and the lakes. After visiting the Senecas, they proceeded to Detroit, thence to Chicago, near the scenes of the late war.

When Mr. *Durant* was about to ascend in his balloon from the battery in New York, the steamboat in which the Indians came to that city had just arrived in view. They observed with great attention the aeronaut and his machine; and when one asked *Black-hawk* what he thought of them, he said, "*That man is a great brave—don't think he will ever get back.*" Shortly after, when the balloon had attained a vast height, the old chief exclaimed, "*I think he can go to the heavens—to the Great Spirit.*"

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