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Detroit retaken by the Americans.

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ately barricaded the door, and begged my daring brother not to go too near the window-blinds, lest he should be seen by the Indians. James was an officer in General Harrison's army, and so great was his anxiety to know the fate of his father's family, from whom he had long been separated, that he obtained permission to cross the river a little in advance of the army, and thus was the first of our deliverers who set foot on shore.

"General Harrison and his army soon arrived. The Kentucky soldiers, who formed a part of the force, were tall, robust men, clad in blue hunting-shirts, red belts, and blue trowsers fringed with red. This singular uniform gave them a demi-savage appearance. The fort was surrendered after a mere show of resistance; the American flag again floated in triumph over the spot where a year before it had been so shamefully dishonored, and our joy was now as enthusiastic as then our indignation was unbounded."

In October, 1813, Colonel Lewis Cass, who had rendered essential service to the territory, was appointed Governor of Michigan. The country was in a most deplorable condition. Devastated by war, overrun by tribes of hostile savages, and very thinly settled, it presented a most discouraging theater for the gratification of a youthful ambition.

Immediately after the ratification of peace with Great