On the 2d of July, 1812, a special meeting was called to take
measures considered necessary in consequence of the war. Their proceedings are recorded as follows:

"At a convened meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
Antwerp, county of Jefferson, for the purpose of making fortifi­
cation against an expected enemy, the following resolutions
were passed. Resolved, That Samuel Randall, town clerk, shall
be made moderator. Resolved, That there be built a fort, 36 by
20, the lower story, and upper 40 by 22, for the security of the
inhabitants of said town. Resolved, that it be set north of
Indian River 30 rods, in front of Sylvius Hoard's house." John
Howe, Silas Ward, and Oliver Hoard, were appointed a building
committee, 50 cents were to be allowed for a day's work, to be
paid by a tax.

On the 17th of July, another special meeting was held, at the
request of the commissioners and supervisor of the town, for
the purpose of devising "a proper method for our defense,
through a tragedy of war which is now beginning action
between the United States and Great Britain," and according to
law, notice was given to the inhabitants, for the said meeting to
be held at the house of Francis McAllaster, inn keeper. A
similar set of resolutions were passed, with the additional
clause requiring the laborers on the fort to work for 50 cents per
day and board themselves.

In 1813, a town law was passed, requiring the registry of
births and deaths, and this commendable practice was maintained
several years. In 1816, a committee consisting of John Howe,
Silvius Hoard, and Samuel Randall, were appointed to take
charge of the church when completed. This was the present
brick church, erected at the expense of David Parish, for the
use of the town, at a cost of $9692-26.

In 1825, the following extraordinary bounty was offered by
the town. "And it is further ordained and declared by the au­
thority aforesaid, that if any person or persons not exceeding
four in number, being inhabitants of said town of Antwerp, shall
device, discover, or perceive, any certain and sure plan, method,
or device, for effectually destroying and eradicating the Canada
thistle from the land, such persons shall each be entitled to receive
from the said town, the sum of $10." At the same meeting it
was resolved that the annual town meeting should annually
thereafter, be held alternately at Indian River and Ox Bow
villages. For several years these have been held at Antwerp
village only.

The first settler in this town, is said to have been Capt. Wm.
Lee, who in 1803, located on the old state road, three miles
north of Antwerp village, where he was induced to open an inn