

In describing the rivers which enter the Mississippi on the west side, we have remarked, that the lands, between the mouth of the Missouri, and a distance of more than a hundred miles above, on the Mississippi, are good. Within the above space, the ascent generally is gradual to the summit of the hills, which are well supplied with wood and beautiful springs of water. Between the river and the hills, much of the space is occupied with rich prairie bottoms; by connecting which with the high lands, pleasant sites for farms are afforded. Numerous small streams of water flow through those lands. Northwest from the town of St. Charles, the lands for a considerable extent, are of an excellent quality, and conveniently intermixed with wood land and prairie.

That tract of country which is included within the limits of Howard county, is bounded east by the county of St. Charles, (the tract last described) being, by a line extended from the Missouri, a few miles above the Osage, perpendicularly, to the northern Indian boundary; on the north and west by the Indian boundary lines; and on the south by the river Osage. The bottom lands within these limits, on the Missouri, are from one to three miles wide; the upland is well elevated, covered with a rich soil, and possesses a handsome growth of timber, including great numbers of sugar trees, and is intersected by many small streams, which enter the Missouri. Of this whole county, which contains 30,000 square miles, the one half is first rate soil, presenting beautiful sites for farms, on which settlements are making with almost unexampled rapidity. Some parts are so rolling, as to be considerably washed by rains, and others are not sufficiently supplied with good springs of water. The por-