

doubt that our population will be sufficiently numerous to justify us in claiming our rank among the independent States.

That harmony may prevail in your deliberations and all your efforts be directed to the promotion of the public good; is the sincere wish of your obedient servant,

ROBERT LUCAS.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, July 14, 1840.

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ARRIVAL EXTRAORDINARY!—We this week announce an event which in our judgment is of more importance than any that has happened since our city has had an existence. On the 20th instant our citizens were surprised by hearing the puffing of an approaching steamer. We need not speak of the astonishment caused by such unusual sounds—sounds which were for the first time heard on our peaceful river—nor of the many conjectures which were started as to the source from whence they proceeded. Our doubts were soon dispelled by the glorious reality, as the *Steamer Ripple* for the first time came dashing up the Iowa and landed at the ferry, which henceforth is only to be known by the more appropriate name of the Steamboat Landing. The hearty cheers which hailed the arrival, and the warm welcome which the captain, crew and passengers received from our citizens, showed that they appreciated the enterprise and determination which had originated and successfully carried out such an undertaking.—*Standard, Iowa City, June 24, 1841.*

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