

profession I feel the Allison Commission should and does, in this acknowledgment, pay its respects.

It is with extraordinary satisfaction I say to you that this plan and the law enacting it, when submitted to individual members of your society and of your profession in this country and in Europe, has never failed to evoke expressions of respect and even praise for our governors, for the members of the General Assembly and for General Dodge. It is regarded as the most complete seizure of opportunity, through public law, an American commonwealth has recently made. If this were not deserved, surely technical minds, such as you possess, would long since have warned me. The popular thought has never been at rest upon the random placement of the structures about the Capitol. It is not a question of art or beauty more than of business. No man owning and living in his own house likes to concede the right of careless use or unsightly appearance of adjacent property. The cleanly, sightly, safe and lasting arrangement of permanent property is now mere household taste, not a professional question in Iowa. As for myself, driven rather by hunger than ambition, and led rather by appreciation of things done or diagrammed than by imagination, I can yet say I have had the greatest satisfaction of my whole life in a connection with men, whose tribute to achievement is by way of eternal bronze and stone—whose best work like your own is by fixed principles and once completed is forever done.

Assorted Cargo.—The steamer Pizzaro, lately left St. Louis for the mouth of Kansas river with the following cargo for that point, viz. 20 spinning wheels, twenty looms and their appendages, 300 axes and one hundred ploughs, and last though not least \$10,000 in specie. This pretty little outfit is said to be for the Iowa and other Indians.—*Iowa Sun*, Davenport, November 13, 1839.

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