

than was contained in my last year's report, and the report of Major Taliaferro.

To the suggestions in my last year's report relative to a cession of Sioux land south and east of Blue Earth River, as well as the suggestions relative to the laws regulating Indian affairs, I would respectfully solicit the attention of the Department.

Very respectfully

Your obt. svt.,

Robert Lucas, Gov. of Iowa Territ'y
and Superintendent of Indn. Affairs

Hon. T. Hartley Crawford,
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Washington City,
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COUNCIL BLUFFS FERRY ACROSS MISSOURI RIVER

This Ferry chartered by the Legislature of the State of Iowa, and licensed by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, has been in successful operation for the last year. We are now prepared with good boats and experienced watermen to cross emigrants with safety and despatch. The location and facilities of this crossing are too well known to require a description at our hands. The fact of its being under the eye of the Agent and approved by the Indians to whom we make Semi-Annual payments for the privilege of having a road through their country, ensures their good will towards the Emigrants. The North side of the Platte River is now acknowledged to be the Healthiest, Nearest and Best route to the gold mines. We can cross at Council Bluffs, one hundred or more teams per day having three good boats.

Council Bluffs, April 17, 1850.—2m Wheeling, Townsend, Clark & Co.

The Frontier Guardian, Kaneshville (Council Bluffs), Iowa, June 12, 1850. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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