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Rather farther of our expected place of settlement than the
Indian interpreter the party that went to the new Mission returned
with all the information they could collect from that quarter then
we took the Interpreter with us & proceeded on our journey through
deep creeks tangled brushwood were none but the Indian had
passed before it was with great difficulty we could get the Oxen through
then our road ran over a fine prairie with here & there
very singular Mounds rising up to strike the travellers attention
one was called Observation Mound & another Idol Mound at
length we reached the Osage or Merriberyne River which at
that time was very difficult to cross but not ~~was~~ the tract
of land which was now presented to our view & on which we
had our eye for a settlement lay between the Osage & Pottawato
mie rivers about a mile from river to river with a fine belt
of first rate timber on both sides - a site for a city was looked
out & set apart & we all began to look out for claims to suit
ourselves as at that time there was plenty of opportunity as
the prairie of timber of the best quality stretched up
between the rivers to a vast extent the name of the city in
prospectus is called Osawatamie derived from the 2 rivers
Potawatamie & the Osage the water from the rivers I
consider myself to be good & healthy & have drank largely of them
A large tent was erected at first untill log houses on the differ
claims could be erected a gentleman from rochester ^{one of our hearts} took a very
active part in the formation of the settlement & ultimately was
elected by the people & sworn in by the Governor as our
Chief Magistrate which office he appeared very well qualified
to fulfill & thus ends & successfully the authors tour of explora^{tion}