

either to the Music or the bite of the Musquitos & having no desire
 at all waking in a winter Morning to perceive my window &
 door blockaded by a wall of snow I therefore chose a claim ^{with} a fine
 elevation near there would be no fear of the overflowing river
 & fine breezes blowing in the summer quite refreshing & cooling while
 the heat is almost unbearable in the vale together with swarms of
 Musical tamentors & on ^{an} elevation we generally find the snow of very
 little depth & being borne off by the winds to the vale below
 the claim ^{which} on the Author fixed his choice had on it 50 Acres
 of the choicest timber of immense size a great part of it
 there was a fine elevation noble site for building at the
 back of this was a lovely overhanging shady Grove & then at the
 foot of the grove rolled the Majestick silvery serpentine river
 the Potawatimie 12 Mile from the City of Ananotama oft have
 the Author stood by Moonlight upon the bank of this lovely stream
 overshadowed by the tall trees wondering at & admiring the wisdom
 of the Great Creator & saying with Milton in wisdom thou
 hast made them all. — Before the Author cabin lay a fine
 specimen of Prairie soil of the best kind nicely pulverised & then
 rolling onward as far as the eye could reach to the utmost
 bounds of the everlasting hills on the right & left belted by
 masses of fine timber forming on the whole a landscape unsur-
 passed by any in this settlement. — & he believes he is justified
 in stating that he has found a beautiful & suitable location
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Settles down builds his Cabin & makes improvements