

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA.

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MR. EDITOR:—I very much regret that a train of unforeseen circumstances have interposed to effectually preclude until now, the possibility of my entering upon that description of the Kansas and Nebraska Territories which I promised you long ago. But I trust that my extensive rambles and close observations over these Territories, will enable me to make my communications satisfactory to you, and of no trifling value to those who are directing their thoughts or steps towards this interesting country. It is a matter of vast importance to emigrants and all others, who have an eye to Kansas or Nebraska, to have laid before them such information as will enable them to determine and reach the very point they desire, without any other guide. Such a description, I shall endeavor explicitly, yet faithfully, to give in these communications. We anticipate the greatest rush, upon the opening of navigation and Spring, to this field of high promise and enterprise, which has ever been directed to any portion of the great West.

The Missouri river is, of course, the great highway at present for reaching the frontiers of this country, while