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HER AGRICULTURAL, MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL CHARACTER; HER WATER COURSES, TIMBER LANDS, SOIL AND CLIMATE; THE VARIOUS RAILROAD LINES COMPLETED, IN PROGRESS AND PROJECTED, WITH THE DISTANCES ON EACH; AND DESCRIPTION OF EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE;

THE EMANCIPATION ORDINANCE,

IMPORTANT FACTS CONCERNING FREE MISSOURI.

INFORMATION FOR CAPITALISTS AND IMMIGRANTS

RESPECTING THE

LOCATION OF VALUABLE MINES AND MINERAL LANDS; THE SELECTION AND ENTRY OF GOVERNMENT LANDS; THE HOMESTEAD LAW; GRAPE CULTURE, STOCK RAISING, &c., &c.

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"I will aid you. Truthfully illustrate our soil, mines, timber and water-power, and toiling millions, who shall find homes and wealth in Missouri, will bless you.

"THOS. C. FLETCHER."

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## ENDORSEMENT BY THE STATE BOARD OF IMMIGRATION.

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"*Resolved*, That, having examined the manuscript of a work now in press, by NATHAN H. PARKER, entitled, 'THE MISSOURI HAND-BOOK,' this Board is of opinion that the work is eminently truthful and correct in its representations of the leading features of the resources of this State; and that the Secretary be directed to ascertain from Mr. Parker what number of copies he can furnish the Board, of the first edition, and to secure at once at least one thousand copies."—*Extract from Minutes of meeting held March 28, 1865.*



## PREFACE.

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The State of Missouri holds out to loyal, energetic immigrants such inducements as no other State in the Union can boast. Her agricultural, mineral and manufacturing resources are inexhaustible, her advantages unparalleled, and her claims upon the attention of every class of the energetic, the industrious, and the ambitious are as peremptory as they are vast. We have here mountains of iron, innumerable veins of lead ore; the best varieties of marble and building stone throughout the State; timber-land in great variety; both hill and valley, prairie soil, bluff and dell, which, in point of fertility, is second to none in the world, while almost every mineral of any economical value exists in immense deposits. Yet there is a deplorable scarcity of such published information as shall properly set forth these latent sources, of wealth, and furnish a reliable guide for the purchaser or settler in the selection of a locality adapted to his wants. The MISSOURI HAND-BOOK is designed to supply this want. To place this information within the reach of all who may be directing their attention to this State, it has been condensed into the present brief space. Those who desire more full detailed description of the State, are referred to "MISSOURI AS IT IS IN 1865,"



by the same author, now in press, (J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia,) a work of about 500 pages, octavo. Owing to the important changes being wrought in this State; and with a view to make this Illustrated Historical Gazetteer as complete as possible, and to fully answer the purposes for which it was designed, its publication has been deferred a few weeks. Those particularly interested in the mineral wealth of the State will find "Parker's Geological Map of Missouri" (just issued) very full and reliable.

If this Hand-Book shall tend to throw a light over the immigrant's path, or serve to eradicate or lessen whatever of misconception or of prejudice may have existed in the minds of strangers—if, as the fruit of his labors, the author shall be able to induce others to join the mighty host that even now is swarming to Missouri, by representing the State, her resources and advantages, in a true light before the world, and to assign to Missouri that lofty rank among the States which she must soon attain and forever hold—he will feel that he has not labored in vain.

That this work may aid in the advancement of this noble State, and assist in the development of the fortunes of those whose enterprise leads them to seek, in her exhaustless mines and fertile fields, a sphere of action worthy the largest capital and highest genius, is the earnest desire of

THE AUTHOR.

St. Louis, May 15, 1865.

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