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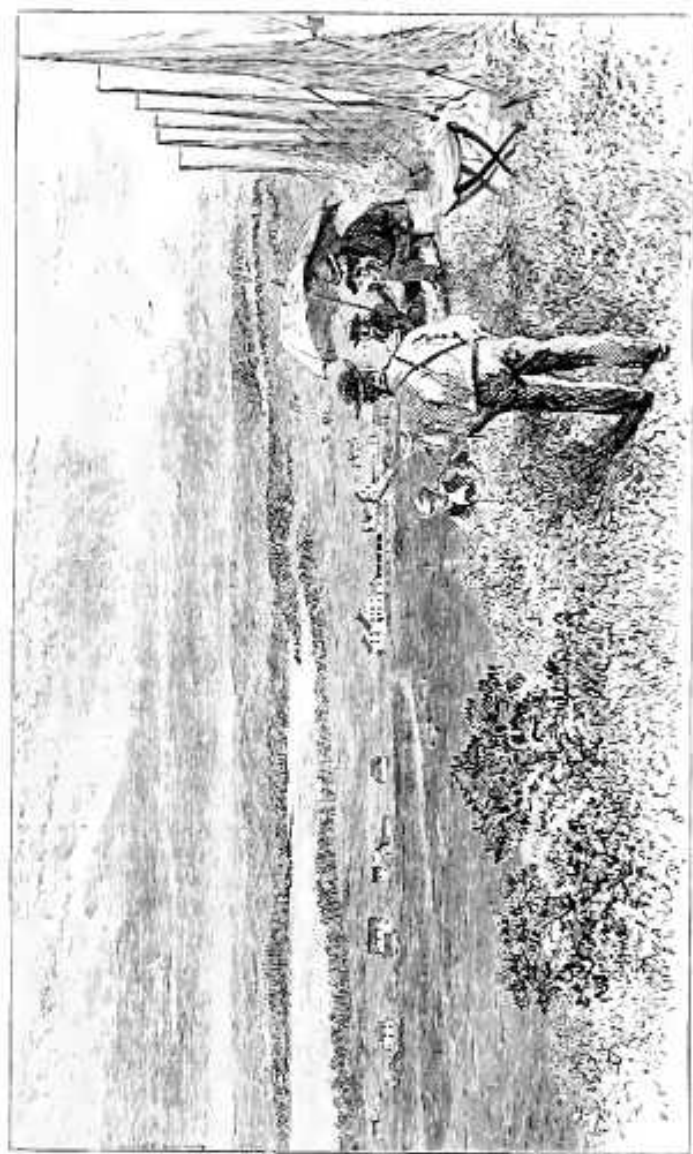
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"I now believe that the ultimate best seat of government on this great continent will be found somewhere within a circle or radius not very far from the spot on which I stand, at the head of navigation on the Mississippi River."

W. H. SWANN, *Speech at St. Paul, 1850.*



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TO

JOHN GREGORY SMITH,

*GOVERNOR OF VERMONT DURING THE REBELLION,*

WHOM I FIRST SAW TENDERLY CARING FOR THE SICK AND  
WOUNDED IN THE HOSPITALS OF FREDERICKSBURG, AND  
THROUGH WHOSE ENERGY AND PERSEVERANCE  
ONE OF THE GREATEST ENTERPRISES OF  
THE PRESENT CENTURY HAS BEEN  
SUCCESSFULLY INAUGURATED,

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