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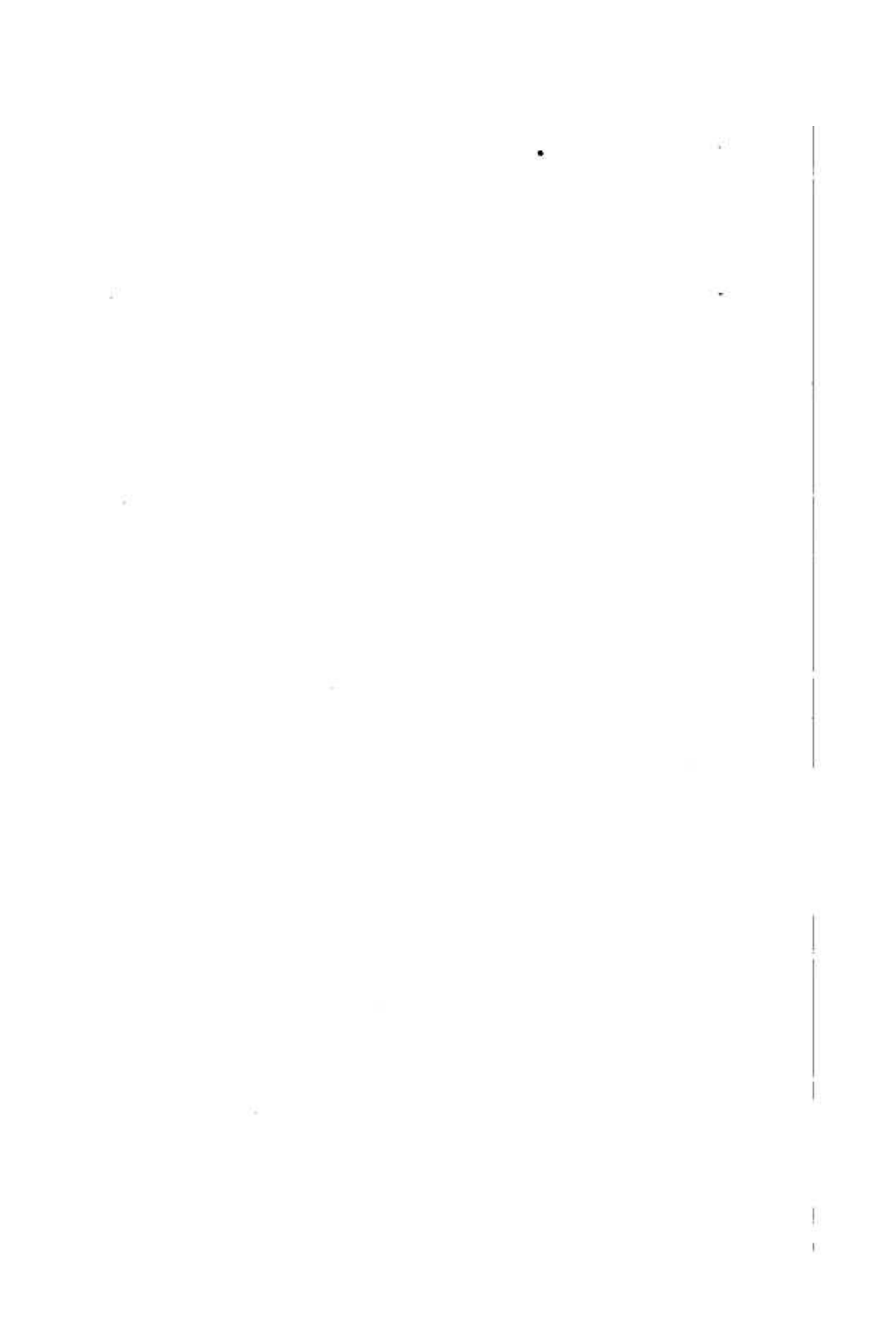
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[This last public address, undertaken just at the beginning of his illness, but with characteristic pluck carried through, and given at Riverton, was delivered with all his customary ease of manner, and I have never heard him speak more gracefully.—H. V. H.]

Those who are familiar with the stories of the "Arabian Nights," will remember that of the copper jar which was fished out of the sea, from whence rose an influence that spread abroad until the whole earth was affected by its power.

The Mayflower, after her sixty-three days of buffeting with storms, came out of the sea to liberate a principle which has already spread its leaven through half the civilized earth, and with such controlling effect as to make its ultimate conquest of the whole inevitable.

Of all the colonists the Pilgrims established the only system in which the people actually governed themselves.

Pure Democracy had its birth at New Plymouth. Our own state was born as an aristocracy. The