

Actual Settlers

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been found in Iowa, but he has no doubt they may be located if careful search should be made in the mound regions of the State for such an accumulation of debris as should be found on the sites of such manufactories.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ACTUAL SETTLERS.—The next session of Congress is now near at hand, and we would urge upon the farmers of the interior the importance of taking immediate measures for making an early and strong representation of their interests and wants at the seat of Government. Let petitions be circulated and signed by every settler in the west, urging upon Congress the necessity of immediate action on the subject of pre-emption. Let the voice of the west go forth as one voice, demanding that prompt justice be done to the settler, and his dearly bought rights effectually secured to him by the laws. They are in this Territory the earliest occupants of the country. They have left homes endeared to them by the pleasures of cultivated society, by the graves of their fathers, and as the dwelling places of relatives and friends. They have encountered the privations and sufferings incident to the early settlement of a country. And all this they have suffered and done to better their condition, under the hope and expectation of receiving from the Government the same immunities hitherto granted to actual settlers on its lands. Most of them are resident on their claims—and all of them have expended more or less labor and money on them in the erection of buildings, planting crops, and making other valuable improvements. It is now for Congress to decide whether these improvements shall be secured to the hardy pioneer of the woods who made them, or shall fall a prey to the greediness of the bloated speculator in public lands. We deem it the interest as well as the duty of Government to encourage the settlement of its rich and unappropriated lands by holding out to the emigrant the inducement of perfect security in his possessions and improvements. In most cases their all is invested, and if Government will not protect them they deem it right to protect themselves. They must either stand firmly side by side to maintain their rights peaceably if they can—at any rate to maintain them, or must throw themselves into the arms of the enemy and rely upon the tender mercies of the devouring speculator. The latter they will not do!—*Iowa News (Du Buque)*, Sept. 2, 1837.

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