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was also received, from his daughter, Edith Messenger, San Antonio, Texas. Lt. Clair served, while wearing this sash, as messenger for staff officers in the battles of Port Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, and in an assault on Vicksburg, where he was wounded and captured. Later he served with General Sheridan in the battles of Winchester, Fisher Hill, and Cedar Creek.

Walter Butler, Esq. the gentleman who is engaged in building the house for the reception of the next Legislature, has it under cover and enclosed, (in which the Court is now setting) and is in a progressing state of completion. The building is large and commodious, and it will be finished long before the Legislature meets. *Iowa City Standard*, Iowa City, June 3, 1841.

LOAN TO IOWA. We learn, says the Gazette, that Col [Jesse] Williams, the Territorial Agent, has obtained a loan of \$5,000 for the Territory from the Miner's Bank of Dubuque, at an interest of seven per cent, per annum, payable in New York in 18 months. A loan could not possibly have been obtained on better terms. This will enable the Territory to go on with the improvements of the Capitol. *Iowa City Standard*, Iowa City, Iowa, July 30, 1841.

Fearing from the exposed condition of the basement of the Capitol, that accidents might happen from fire, I had it enclosed. I have also had a door put in the East front of the Capitol; but for the want of funds and proper materials, nothing further has been effected in the completion of the capitol.

(Signed) Morgan Reno
Territorial Treasurer

From the last paragraph of the Treasurer's Annual Report, December 10, 1845, in the Public Archives division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Dept.

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