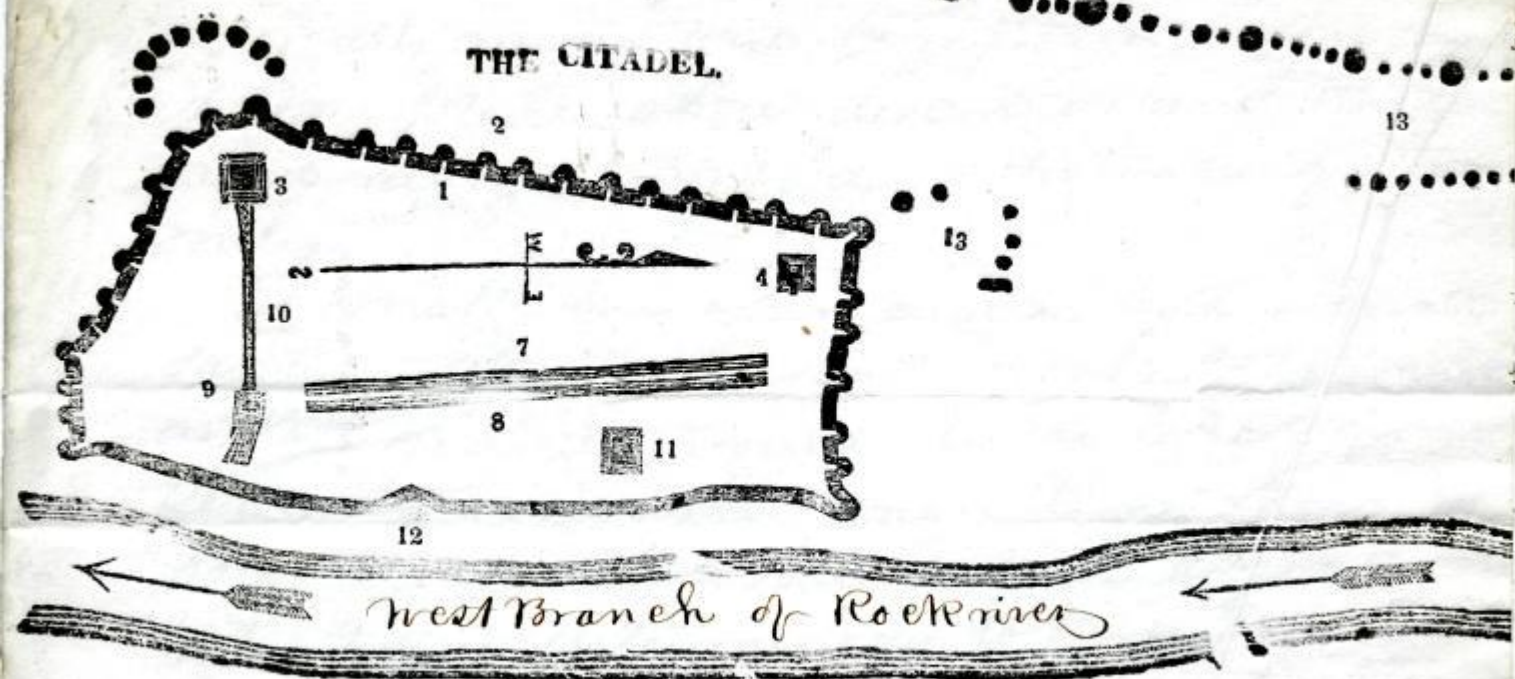


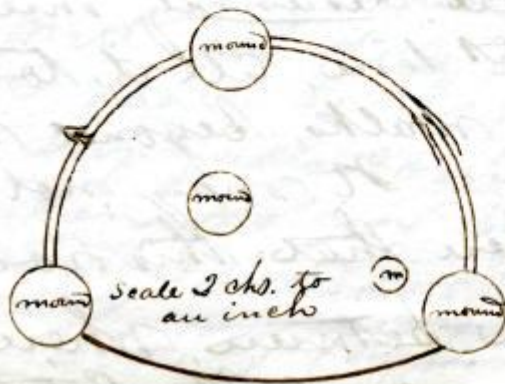
Ruins of the Ancient City Aztalan N. F. Hoyer



Sir By request of Rufus Parks Esq of Milwaukee I address you upon the subject of the Antiquities of this place

Herewith I send you a description of the ruins of the Ancient City Aztalan. But the walls and mounds here described furnish but a small part of what remains of the works of the Ancients in this vicinity

About half a mile lower down on the river is the appearance of a pleasure ground or private Fort, laid out in this style



Three mounds connected together by two slight ridges eight feet apart, enclosing a smooth walk with an entrance way on each side as here described..

The mounds are about four feet high, and connected together in front along the

Rivers by one single ridge

WORKS similar to this, we find in different directions, and frequently find ridges of earth thrown up in straight lines, for forty rods or more in length.

As I was walking out, yesterday, I discovered a line along the surface, of slight elevation of ten feet in width, with depression at the sides bearing every appearance of having once been thrown up in the manner of a turnpike road; which I traced distinctly three quarters of a mile, in a straight line, till it touched one of these circular walls, beyond which I could not trace it, - It may not be improper to suggest here that this road lay in a direct line between, where brick were recently made and the Citadel

from which I infer that the brick of which the walls are in part composed were made at the place above described and transported along this road a distance of two miles

To make an examination and accurate survey of all the Ancient works to be found in this vicinity would be the labor of several months: more time than I have leisure to devote to that object yet I am determined to keep on the look out, that nothing of particular interest be destroyed without an examination

I am anxious to obtain some information in relation to the People, the traces of whose works are so numerous, and should it be convenient for you to furnish me with any information in relation to this subject, it would be gratefully received and any suggestions of yours in relation thereto, or in relation to the best method of rescuing these works from oblivion will be duly appreciated, and in return I shall be happy to furnish you with any facts connected herewith which I can obtain by inspection

Yrs. Edw. Everett
Gov. of Mass.

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
A. J. Hyer



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30 April 1838 Judge Hyer
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