

Looming afar over river and plain was “Scott’s Bluff,” a Nebraska Gibraltar; surmounted by a colossal fortress and a royal castle, it jutted on the water . . .

Philip St. George Cook, 1845, quoted in Merrill J. Mattes, *The Great Platte River Road: The Covered Wagon Mainline Via Fort Kearny to Fort Laramie* (1969; rptd., Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1987), 423.

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