

THE TOWN OF HOUSTON—situated at the head of navigation on Buffalo Bayou—is now for the first time brought to public notice, because, until now, the proprietors were not ready to offer it to the public, with the advantages of capital and improvements.

The town of Houston is located at a point on the river which must ever command the trade of the largest and richest portion of Texas. By reference to the map, it will be seen that the trade of San Jacinto, Spring Creek, New Kentucky, and the Brassos, above and below Fort Bend, must necessarily come to this place, and will at this time warrant the employment of at least *one million of dollars* of capital, and when the rich lands of this country shall be settled, a trade will flow to it, making it, beyond all doubt, the great interior commercial emporium of Texas.

The town of Houston is distant 15 miles from the Brassos river, 30 miles, a little Northeast from San Felipe, 60 miles from Washington, 40 miles from Lake Creek, 30 miles Southwest from New Kentucky, and 15 miles by water, and 8 or 10 by land above Harrisburg. Tide water runs to this place, and the lowest depth of water is about six feet. Vessels from New Orleans or New York, can sail without obstacle, to this place, and Steamboats of the largest class can run down to Galveston Island in eight or ten hours, in all seasons of the year. It is but a few hours sail down the Bay, where one may take an excursion of pleasure, and enjoy the luxuries of fish, fowl, oysters, and sea bathing. Galveston harbor being the only one in which vessels drawing a large draft of water can navigate, must necessarily render the Island the great naval and commercial depot of the country.

The town of Houston must be the place where arms, munitions, and provisions for the Government will be stored, because, situated in the very heart of the country, it combines security and the means of easy distribution, and a national armory will no doubt very soon be established at this point.

There is no place in Texas more healthy, having an abundance of excellent spring water, and enjoying the sea breeze in all its freshness. No place in Texas possesses so many advantages for building, having pine, ash, cedar and oak, in inexhaustible quantities; also, the tall and beautiful magnolia grows in abundance. In the vicinity are fine quarries of stone.

Nature appears to have designated this place for the future seat of Government. It is handsome and beautifully elevated, salubrious, and well watered, and now in the very heart or centre of population, and will be so for a length of time to come. It combines two important advantages; a communication with the coast and foreign countries, and with the different portions of the Republic. As the country shall improve, Railroads will become in use, and will be extended from this point to the Brassos, and up the same; also from this up to the head waters of the San Jacinto, embracing that rich country, and in a few years the whole trade of the Upper Brassos will make its way into Galveston Bay through this channel.

Preparations are now making to erect a Saw Mill, and a large Public House for accommodation will soon be opened. Steamboats now run in this River, and will in a short time commence running regularly to the Island.

The proprietors offer the lots for sale on moderate terms to those who desire to improve them, and invite the public to examine for themselves.

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