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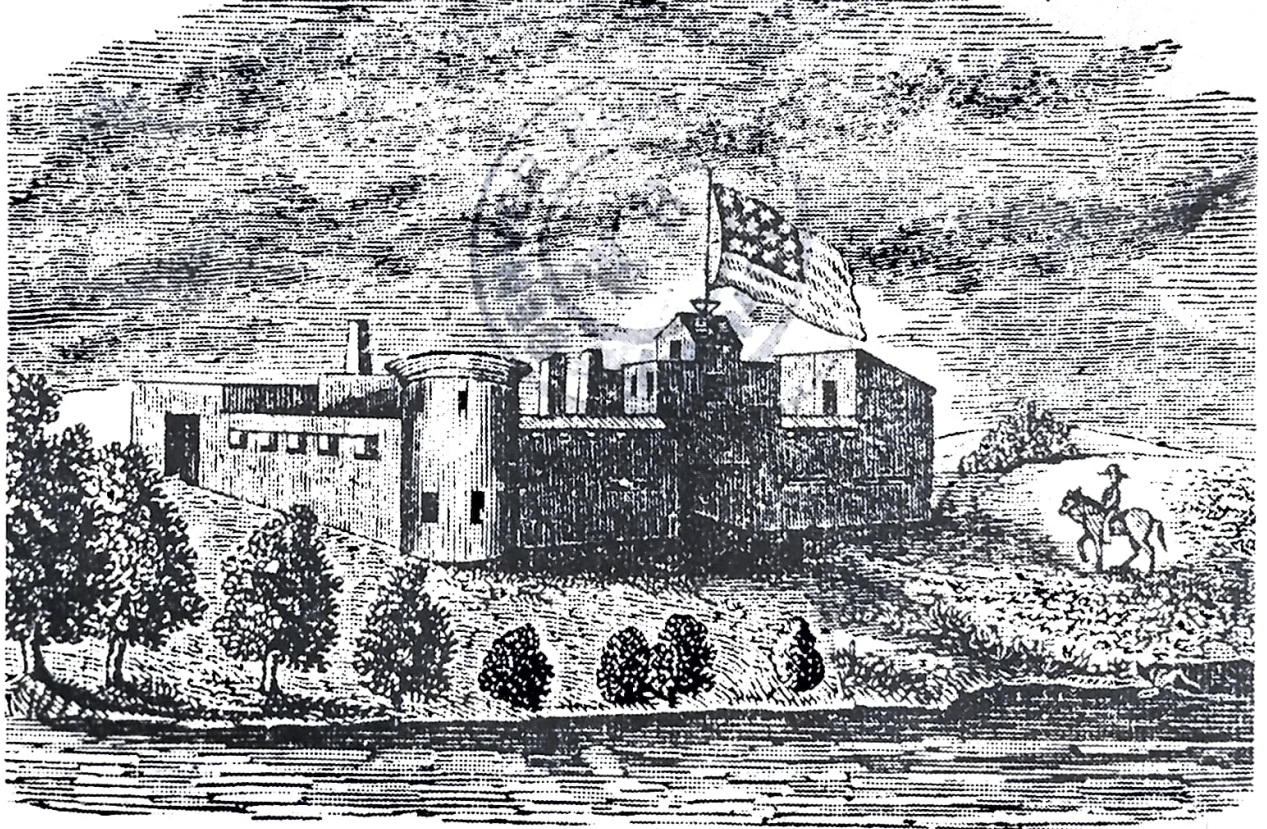
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A Series by Robert E. Davidson, Historian

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[Fort Bent.]

A RARE SKETCH

Only two contemporary sketches are known to exist of Bent's Fort, those of Lieutenant James Abert (1846) and the one seen above which appeared in Colonel John Hughes' book "Doniphan's Expedition" published in 1848. Doniphan credits L. A. Maclean of the Missouri Horse Guards as artist of the drawing. It has particularly contributed to our knowledge of the location of doors and windows as well as the size and appearance of chimneys. Little did the artist realize how valuable his simple sketch would one day be!