

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Kaskaskia to the Editor,  
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I have just conversed with a gentleman from New Madrid, who states, that he saw in that place, many fissures in the earth for miles in length. The Little Prairie about twelve leagues below this place is actually sunk - Some of the buildings are thrown upon their sides; and others covered with water up to their roofs. Other accounts from below state that the country is much sunk and split. Several violent shocks have been felt in this place.