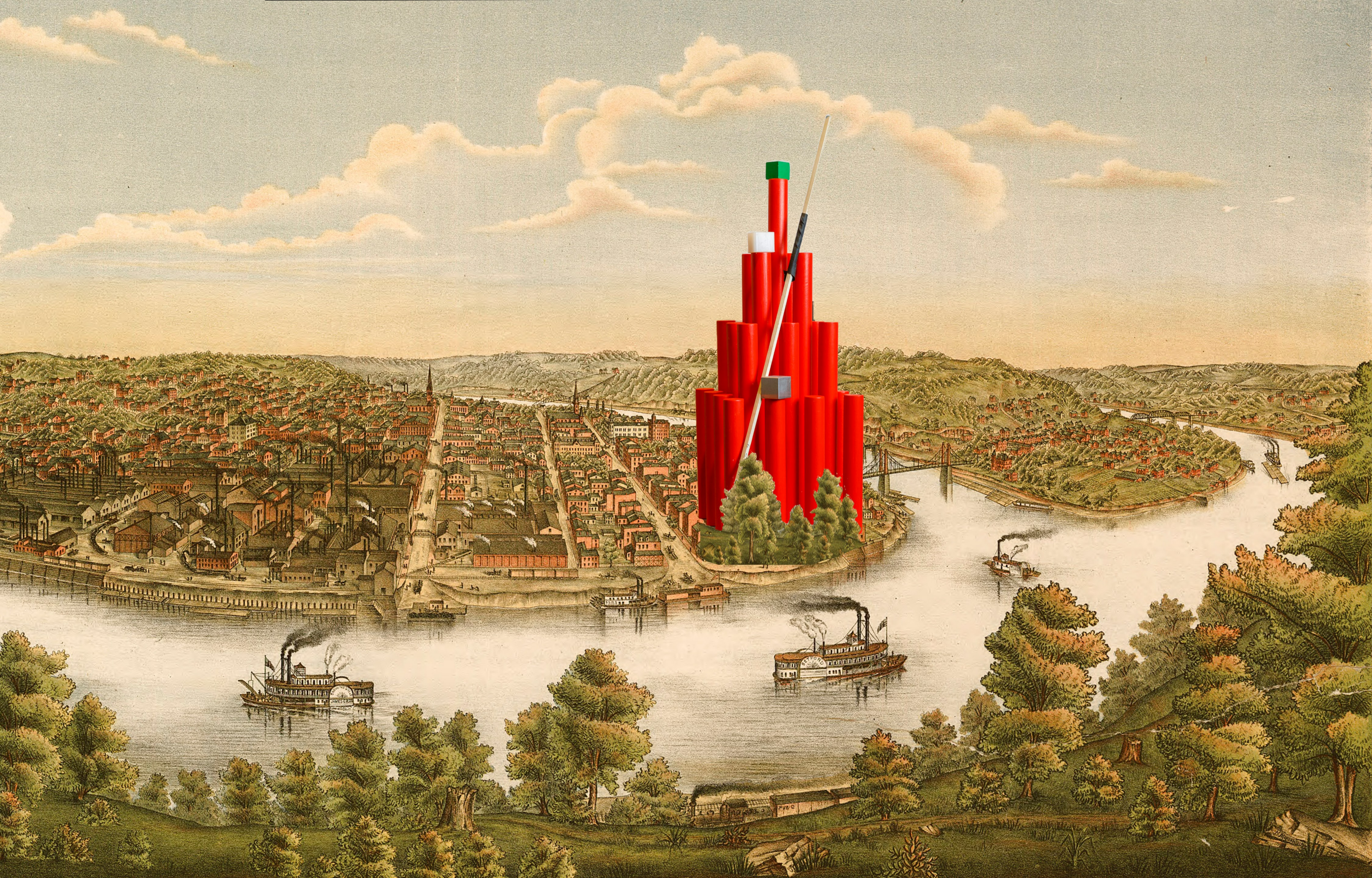


THE MCKEESPORT PIPE PALACE



A TUBE CITY TOOT

I offer here on this site
A modest proposal to construct
A palace of pipes
A high five salute, thirty feet tall
To the history of this valley
From Queen Aliquippa and John McKee
To the army of toilers in this purgatory
Smoke and flames, soot and clangs
The songs you sang
Those who flourished and multiplied!
The moon still glimmers on the Mon
At midnight as when you were here
We are the echoes of your history
Past present and future to be

