

cession of different scenes, perhaps for ever. A recapitulation of the leading features of the chief districts of the country, may not be amiss, after the minute recitals you have received of our travels, in this long and varied excursion.

The southern states are rich in vegetable productions, and abound in animals of various kinds. They are inhabited by cultivators of tobacco, rice, and corn, who enjoy, in a luxurious mode of life, the produce of the labour of the wretched negro slave. The newly-established settlements to the westward are furnished liberally with natural productions. They possess a warm climate, immense forests, and magnificent rivers. The staple commodity is cotton, which is easily raised by the inhabitants, whose manners are simple and laborious, and who feel an independence from the equality of their condition. Vast tracts of this country are occupied by Indian nations, who are supported by the labours of the chase.

The middle provinces are in a high state of cultivation, and present many large, populous towns, grown rich by trade, manufactures, and commerce. The useful arts of life, in great variety, occupy and enrich the people; who are more polished and luxurious than those who live to the westward of the Allegany Mountains, but less so than the wealthy planters of the southern states.

The eastern coast is a woody, fertile tract, yielding pasture to numerous herds of cattle, which, with the timber