

in North America, after Philadelphia and New York. The streets cross each other at right angles: the principal one is wide and handsome. Most of the houses are built of brick, and, being modern, are well constructed. On the south side of the town is a harbour, called the bason, which is capable of containing two thousand sail of merchantmen; the shore is lined with wharfs and storehouses. English, Scotch, French, and a great many Irish, are to be found amongst the inhabitants, who are very sociable among themselves, and hospitable to strangers. Dancing is a favourite amusement; the young people frequently make parties at each other's houses, where they merrily dance away the evening.

Roads that would have been deemed impassable in England, and a country distinguished neither for fertility nor beauty, brought us to Washington, the new federal city, where we are now staying, at the house of a member of congress, who entertains us kindly. My hand grows tired; so you must forgive me for adding only that I am your dutiful son,

ARTHUR MIDDLETON.