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sage, to a pool of clear water, which stopped our
progress on that side. The floor is of a deep sandy
earth, full of saltpetre; and the walls are of lime-
stone. Not satisfied with what we had seen, we
scrambled down a steep, slippery place, in the side
of the long passage, into another cavern, more
spacious than the rest. The petrifications formed
by the water trickling from above, hang down from
the roof in the form of elegant drapery; in some
places the petrifications have begun at bottom, and
are shaped like pillars of different heights. The
floor of this apartment gradually sloped to a pool of
water, which put an end to our researches. We
returned by the same path we came, mounted our
horses, and pursued our way amongst the Blue
Mountains, which are covered with large trees to
the very summit: some of them are cragged and
extremely stony, others rich and fertile. Travellers
on horseback, armed with pistols or swords, with a
large blanket folded up under their saddle, that they
may not want a bed at night, who were going to
explore, as they term it, (that is, to search for lands
conveniently situated for a new settlement, in the
western country,) were the principal company we
met upon the road; except heavy waggons, covered
with strong linen or bear-skins, carrying the pro-
duce of Jenesse, Kentucky, and the back parts of
Virginia, to Alexandria, Baltimore, or Philadel-
phia.

Mr. Franklin contrived to meet the Patowmac
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