

nock. The appearance of this mountain in a near view is very impressive and majestic, owing perhaps not more to its size than to its detached situation, which exposes it to view on every quarter in its whole magnitude. Most of the woods which formerly grew on its sides have lately been destroyed by fire. It is difficult to conceive how they could have grown where they did, for the whole mountain seems now to be one vast mass of rocks. In this stage, we were also gratified with the sight of a part of Massachusetts. Our attachment to our native State had not abated with our absence. With respect to its soil, climate, water, and general face of the country, the manners and customs of its inhabitants, and the many comforts of life which it affords, taken all together, it gains by a comparison with any other country which we had seen.

To Batchelder's in New Ipswich, a very good house, to sleep, ten miles. We arrived here between four and five o'clock; and, as we were now within twenty miles of Groton, we had sufficient time to have gone there this afternoon. But this was the place established for the stage to stop at over night; and, as the horses were tired, we could not persuade the driver to proceed. Not being able to procure any other conveyance, we submitted to the necessity of passing the night here.

Sunday, August 18th. Regularly, the stage does not go from this place till Monday morning; but, impatient of being longer detained here, we prevailed on the driver for some additional fare to proceed with us this morning, and we arrived at my house in Groton in convenient season to dine. Here we adjusted our money concerns, which we effected with great facility, in con-