

supposed the Steam Boats have frightened away the Fish, their numbers decreasing very much.

Had much Conversation with a *Proprietor* (Owner of Land) on Board. He told me he had 800 Acres of Land which he was planting with Apple Trees and Peaches—40,000 Peach Trees for the Purpose of flattening his Pigs. What excellent Food for Pigs. The Approach to Albany is very beautiful—landed at 12 o'clock Thursday 24th [May] having made a Distance of 170 Miles in 20 hours. Took up our Quarters at the Eagle Inn. Met a great Quantity of Rafts with Timber, the small Craft were innumerable and had a most pleasing Appearance; the masts are of an immense Size, the Rafts 100 Tons Burthen;—Masts 23 Inches in Diameter, 90 Feet long.

The Fare is \$6 or 25| which is very moderate as it includes Living and this very good. It may be considered as a most excellent Floating Hotel. Albany is the Seat of Government beautifully situated on the W. Side of the Hudson, the Country about it mountainous and picturesque. It contains about 12,000 Inhabitants consisting principally in old Dutch Families. When the Grand Western and Northern Canals are completed it will become a Town of great Importance. We took up our Quarters at the Eagle Inn kept by an Englishman; nothing can be better than the Accomodation.

The Hudson River was first discovered by Henry Hudson the Discoverer of the Hudson's Bay. The first English Charter New York received was from Charles the 2nd. New York is 230 miles distant from Washington, 91 from Philadelphia, 232 S.E. from Boston, 421 from Montreal—774 from Charleston South Carolina—2200¹ from New Orleans.

Thursday the 24th [May]. At 9 o'clock in the Morning we started in a light Carriage, a Sort of open Sociable with a Pair of Horses, having sent Raven on with our Luggage to Whitehall. The Road runs along the Hudson, bold well wooded hilly Scenery. Passed Troy which is a pretty Town on the E. side. Came to Waterford which is on the Mohawk. Passed the first American Bridge—they are constructed of wood and are covered in so that in looking thro' you might suppose yourself in a Cavern. From the Bridge is a very fine View of a superb Waterfall called the Cohoes²—the Fall is over a Bed of Rocks and may be about 60 Feet perpendicular Height—the Breadth of the River $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile. The Banks are high and are of Slate. Over the Bridge is an Injunction under Penalty of a Dollar that no Person is to drive quick. At 18 miles from Albany we changed Horses—dined at Saratoga which

¹ By sea.

² Cahoos.