

open part. At half an hour after nine, we rode down a small hill, and crossed a small run, then climb'd a steep hill of oak land, and by ten to a large creek called *Uskoho*, then round the point of a hill, midling land, and up the side thereof, which was good, and down the other side very steep to a *Run*, with good corn land to the top of a hill in sight of the east branch of *Susquehanna*, so far we had pale clay land from the wilderness, though blackish on the surface, for 2, 3 or 4 inches, then down half a mile on a moderate descent, good oak and hickory land to a large rich grassy and weedy bottom, 40 rods wide, producing elm; birch, linden, lotus, white-walnut, and very large white pine, where the land is a little higher than common; at the upper end of this bottom we dined at half an hour after 12, we set out again at 3, course N. along a steep hill side, full of excellent flat whet-stones of all sizes, from half a foot, to 4 feet long, and from 2 inches to a foot wide, and from half an inch to a foot thick; I brought one home which I have used to whet my ax, scythe, chizzels and knife, and is yet very little the worse for wear, it is as fine as the *English* rag, but of a blackish colour; this lasted two miles close to the river which is here 100 yards wide, and deep enough for flat-bottomed boats, then we came to a very rich low land, most of the way N. N. E. to the *Cayaga* branch, near 100 yards wide which we crossed, then rode
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