

of the hill on the opposite bank, contributes much to its embellishment. Many villages through which I passed possessed nothing particularly worthy of remark: the houses are well built, and the land in general well cultivated; the articles of consumption are received from New York in exchange for timber and fire-wood.

Having arrived at Patterson, which probably owes its existence to the number of visitors which the falls attract, I, with some others led by the same curiosity as myself, took a survey of them. They are seventy feet in height, and during the summer months present a grand and majestic appearance. There are in the town a cotton manufactory, built at a great expence, but deserted for want of sufficient funds; a handsome paper-mill, and an academy.

On our return to the inn, the landlord presented to us a book, in which it is customary for strangers to write their names, and in the first page I perceived those of Washington and his lady. Many persons have added some remarks, conformable to the impression which this picturesque place, has made upon them.

A few days subsequent to my journey to Patterson, I was invited to make an excursion to the interior of Jersey. I was told that the family I was going to visit inhabited the richest district of that province; and that the adjacent country merited the attention of a curious observer. We set out on the second of November, and passed through the beautiful town of Springfield, the principal place in the county of Essex. The little spring, from which it derives its name, supplies all the year pure and fertilising water. The meadows through which it passes furnishes hay of the best quality in abundance. Turkey and Bedminster, the former distant five and the latter six miles from Springfield, present nothing remarkable. The lands on each side of the road, to a great distance, are cultivated with care; and the numerous well-built habitations prove the opulence and industry of their cultivators. The principal commerce of these little countries consists in salted provisions, which, being sent to the markets at Trenton, Brunswick, or New York, are exported to the West Indies. The road from Turkey to Bedminster, the distance of four miles, presents the most charming prospect imaginable. Situated on an agreeable declivity, it commands an immense country surrounded with wood, and in every respect similar to the county of Essex in England, whose heights present a view of seven different counties. Minebrook, where we remained, is a village elegantly built. Its situation is picturesque, and the quality of the circumjacent lands is superior to any that