

Here, too, are traces of volcanic eruption\*. Mountains have been separated from their primitive formation, and the face of nature furrowed with many rough and irregular excavations. Such appearances as these soon become familiar to the eye; and, from their frequent representation, they at last lose their novelty and interest.

In many parts of the province there are wide plains, as yet uninhabited save by a few settlers, who have come thither with their families, and have cleared small portions of ground adjoining their dwellings. The fostering hand of a liberal government has given its support to the infant exertions of the more recent settlers. To some, provisions have been issued to subsist them through the winter. To others, implements of husbandry have been supplied, to facilitate the cultivation of their lands. But, in traversing a country in many parts so wild and desolate, and ob-

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\* Sec Volney's View of the United States.