

from the St. Croix, by Pollard's Mills, to the mouth of the Aroostook. It passes diagonally through the townships belonging to Maine, which course, in case Massachusetts should decline her assistance, it would be well to adopt, as it is as short a route as could probably be selected. If, however, Massachusetts would cooperate with her usual liberality and energy, it would undoubtedly be best to follow the course of the river, as for a number of years such a route would accommodate the greatest number of settlers, and always be a road of much travel.*

GEOLOGY. Though I was required to examine the Geology of the country through which I passed; yet, as it has been so recently examined by our indefatigable State Geologist, who has reported thereon, it would be a work of supererogation for me to report upon the same subject; especially as a narration of the facts would be merely a recapitulation of his observations. I shall therefore merely bear testimony to the able and faithful manner in which he has performed this part of his task. Some recent discoveries of fetid limestone have been made in No. 11 5th Range, since his visit to that country, owing to clearing and burning, which laid bare the rocks and which were before hidden. Slate, limestone, and graywacke are the principal rock formations at present visible. No granite formations were seen by our party on the Aroostook or its tributaries. The characteristics of the rock formations, as Dr.

* The plan is deposited with the Board of Internal Improvements.