

lower than the bank; a little above this devastation we dined.

And now leaving the river we held a new course over a fine level, then down a rich hollow to a *run*, where we saw a summer duck; and so down the *run*, a little beyond this turns a path to *Wiomick*, a town on the east branch, hence N. N. E. then N. after W. to a rich bottom near the river, where *Shickcalamy* formerly dwelt, at the upper end of which restless torrents had carried abundance of sand into the woods. With this bottom we left the river for the present, and kept a variable course through the gap of the mountain N. and N. W. over middling champion land, producing some pitch pine, and large white and black oak, some swamps and brooks, by one of which we lodged in a fertile valley, that we reached before night.

11. About break of day it began to rain, and the *Indians* made us a covering of bark got after this manner: They cut the tree round through the bark near the root, and make the like incision above 7 feet above it, there horizontal ones are joined by a perpendicular cut, on each side of which they after loosen the bark from the wood, and hewing a pole at the small end, gradually tapering like a wedge about 2 feet, they force it in till they have completed the separation all round, and the bark parts whole from