

the highest hospitality. Here I was told of a phenomenon that surprises every body in that neighbourhood supposed to be a vulcano, which makes at certain times a loud report, resembling that of a great gun at a distance.

THE Indians only know the spot in which it is, and from a foolish notion or tradition among them will not discover it; they suppose it is occasioned by the great spirit, and how soon the white people find it out, that they are to be extirpated the land, if not from the face of the earth, and an end put to their race. As this opinion prevails among them, no inducement will make them discover it. Dr Kerr of the Indian department, told me he meant to search for it next summer, and flattered himself he would find it out. Whatever is the cause of this singular phenomenon, it must be very deep in the bowels of the earth, as no smoke issues from it, or any crevice or opening to be seen about it.

FEBRUARY 11. We set out from Mr Baisley's. For several miles on the way towards the Grand River, the lands are so open as to have scarce a sufficiency of wood for inclosures and the necessary purposes of farming; but towards the mountain, the wood becomes thick and lofty, as is common in this coun-

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