

at the present moment are turning their attention to that great country, or that they may afford some information to others who have no intention of leaving their native land. They are the simple observations of a farmer from the banks of the Tweed, and may be taken for what they are worth.

The State of Virginia was originally settled by Englishmen, and is one of the oldest and first constituted in the Union. It is bounded on the east by the Atlantic, and possesses many fine harbours and sheltered bays, formed by the rivers Potomac, Rappahannock, and James. Norfolk, perhaps the finest harbour in the world, is situated at the bottom of the estuary formed by the latter, and is rapidly becoming an important place through its shipping and railway interests. Between Virginia proper and West Virginia, the Alleghany Mountains run. They are, more correctly speaking, good-sized hills, never rising much over 4000 feet above the sea level, are richly wooded, and abound in iron and coal mines, both most important items as regards the welfare of a country. Taking a bird's-eye view, the State is in general flat, well-wooded, and beautifully watered with, in some cases, navigable rivers. It is intersected by various lines of railway, which will, no doubt, soon be increased. The roads are numerous, and perhaps of the worst description we ever came across. However, the inhabitants appear to get along with them, such as they are. The forests of Virginia are still large, and will turn out profitable. They consist largely of pine, oak, and hickory, which are increasing rapidly in value; and as most