

Under these considerations, I chose the latter method for my Tour, to which I had accustomed myself, by making frequent excursions, to the mineral springs, mines, quarries, and various natural curiosities in the vicinity of my native city.

Towards the latter end of August, having provided myself with several necessary useful instruments and maps, I entered on the Tour, and commenced also the substance of the following pages. Though it was with some difficulty, that I could make all the remarks I wished, yet it afforded me pleasure, to employ the few moments when I stopped fatigued, beneath the shade of some spreading tree, contemplating the beauties and wonders which surrounded me, to take out my writing apparatus, and annex one more short sentence, to my list of notes and observations. Any thing of a learned and polished kind is therefore not to be expected. Interesting facts and occurrences are inserted, in order if possible, to prevent the reader, from becoming wearied with the trite subjects, of which travels are chiefly composed. The reader must judge of its merits: for my own part, I consider myself as planting a species of mushroom, which with all its deformities, may grow for a moment, and is then, justly, crushed or thrust aside by some superior or more interesting monster.

P. STANSBURY.

New-York, December 5th. 1821.

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