

numerous, that having been the profession of William Penn, the first proprietor, who was followed to America by many of his brethren.

My taste for natural history has been highly gratified, not only at the curious museum, which contains a complete collection of the animals and minerals of North America, (and many specimens of the latter kind come from a copper and zinc mine within twenty miles of the city,) but likewise in a visit to the seat of Mr. William Hamilton, at the Woodlands on the Schuylkill, near the city, where is a superb collection of exotic plants. The late General Hamilton was not a relation of this gentleman's. The latter bore a great character for talent and conduct, was an active supporter of General Washington, and, in the latter part of his life, was eminent as a barrister; but unfortunately fell a sacrifice to the mistaken notions of honour, in a duel with the vice-president, Burr.

The coaches and chariots are much the same as ours in England; but I must give you some account of the light waggons and coachees, which are carriages in common use here. The body of the coachee is rather longer than that of a coach; the front of it is quite open down to the bottom; and the driver sits on a bench, under the roof of the carriage: within are two seats for the passengers, who are placed with their faces towards the horses: the roof is supported by props; it is likewise open above the pannels on each side of the doors,