

The rapids not far from St. Johns are not so great, as to impede all communication with the lake and rivers. Rafts constantly pass at the seasons, when the waters are high; but boats are so far impeded, that merchandize is conveyed by land from St. Johns to Chamblee, about nine miles.

A regular stage passes from St. Johns to Montreal, by the way of Lapararie. In the spring of the year the roads are wet and heavy; but the excellent Canadian horses, and dexterous drivers, conveyed us in good season to the above village, which is opposite to Montreal.

The decline of day, and the expediency of waiting for the boats, which set out in the morning for the city, tempted us to amuse ourselves with a walk through the settlement, along the pleasant banks of the river.

The most distinguished object is the parish church, situated in a small open square, near the centre. The curate resides near it: His mansion is the public property of the church, and is sufficiently large and commodious.—The church is spacious and venerable, and constructed upon a species of architecture