

From Mr. A. M. to a Relation in Scotland.

Jefferson County, (Indiana,) Oct. 4, 1821.

“ You will wish to know how we come on in this land of liberty. Tolerably well, although not altogether so well as we expected. If we have not got quit of all our grievances, we have got a change of some of them. What improvements we now make are our own, and these are considerable. We have got forty acres of land cleared of all the timber under eighteen inches in diameter, and the remaining large trees well deadened, which, I think, average six trees to an acre. After they stand deadened two or three seasons, by felling them to the ground, they can be consumed by fire without the trouble of rolling them together. We have it all in good fence and in crop. We have also cleared eight acres and built a neat cabin on another quarter section, half a mile distant, in which R. G. and his wife live at present. Our stocking consists of one horse, four cows and calves, three year old queys, and thirty hogs. We do not intend to buy any more stock except a mare or two for breeding, as we think it better to raise them for ourselves, and as they do not find a quick market. Horses are not much cheaper here than with you *, but cows are sold at only from twelve to twenty dollars each. This season we have removed all our houses, in the notion of having them in a better situation. Wooden houses are easily raised here, and they are very well adapted to the purposes of farming offices, but are not the most comfortable dwellings. However, we have plenty of stones, lime, and sand, of which materials we

* The writer of the above emigrated from Scotland in 1819.