

staves for *Coopers* use, &c. to the seaports for foreign exportation, leaves a surplus profit to the farmer, and the conveyance of water carriage in *America* is so general, that I know no part without navigable waters for boats of some description, or *rafts*; these rafts are timbers rudely fastened together, say 80 feet long and 60 broad, a temporary cabin in the centre, and some four hands to work it, these rafts are soon constructed at the conflux of different waters on the *Mississippi, Ohio, Delaware, Missouri, &c. &c.* and at the foot of *Lake Ontario*, on the *St. Lawrence*, descending with an immense load of timber down to *Quebec*, a distance of near 400 miles, the same observation is applicable to other produce as well as timber and potash, flour in barrels, maize, or Indian corn, buck-wheat, pork, &c. &c.; and it is fair to observe, the *American* and Canadian farmer have a far greater variety of produce than the British farmer; he grows his own tobacco, he makes from peaches good brandy, from rye excellent whiskey for home consumption and exportation, he grows abundance of apples; not a house, or log hut, but what have very extensive orchards, consequently great quantities of cyder, he grows his own sugar from the beautiful *maple*, a process the most simple, in *March* an incision is made in the trunk of the trees and the sap is thus drained from them into proper vessels, the whole being collected together is received into a *boiler* and by the action of fire it soon becomes candied, but like the poor *African* or the kind hearted *Indian*, its complexion depreciates its value, and