

wonderful and magnificent, to reward the toil of the adventurer.

Although geology is a science of the first importance in America, more than in any other country ; and as such, deserves that attention from all classes of the community, and from the ruling authorities, which it actually does receive ; yet, I acknowledge, little observation has been given by me, to the physical structure of the land, over which I passed, and very little respecting that useful branch of knowledge, will be found in the subsequent pages. What geological notices are introduced, have arisen from transitory and perhaps mistaken views, and from a small portion of mineralogical information, received under the erudite lectures of Dr. Mitchell of this city.

In all that is said, I have considered the reader to be as unacquainted with the places and subjects mentioned, as myself, when I first set out on this Tour. This has led me, with how much propriety, I cannot myself decide, into details, which to many may probably appear trivial, and to some, as absolutely unworthy of their perusal. But the work, such as it is, I offer for the amusement of the public. I cast myself upon the good will of people, and can only urge in extenuation for all the faults, which it may contain, that I have never as yet, acquired much experience in the common methods of mankind.

Travelling on foot, is certainly not common in this highly favoured country of ours, where