

cation to a traveller : and when he reflects " that, only the other day, the whole was a howling wilderness, travelled only by savages," his mind is forcibly struck, and he cannot resist admiring the wonderful change. In reflecting on this subject, he is imperceptibly led into thoughts that are at once interesting and sublime.

But though I readily confess that the Continent at large forms a majestic subject of contemplation, and must very strongly impress the mind of every man, who is capable of admiring the great works of nature, still I must contend that no dispassionate observer can pronounce the United States (I mean to embrace only the Middle and Northern States of the Union), to excel, in any point of view, the province of Upper Canada. It is well known that in the latter country more certain, greater, and heavier crops are raised, on the same quantity of land, than in any of the Northern or Midland States of the Union ; the land in general is stronger. I am well acquainted with almost every part of the State of New York, in its extent from North to South, about three hundred miles ; and it is a very fine country beyond question, but, with an exception of the Genesee country, I think much inferior to the Upper Province. The laws of the State of New York vary in a very trifling degree from those of England, the statute laws excepted, which may of course be deemed, for the most part, local laws. The police of the country varies also