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...Kirk's log'd having come 30 miles this day. The others went on to Isaac Evered's two or three miles further. Here I was much entertained with that Mechanical & Philosophical genius, young Isaac Hargison, who I did find to be eminent in the literary field. He had constructed a wooden clock which he said kept time exceedingly well, on the face of which was a representation of the earth, the sun & solar system turned by the clock, and performing their revolutions in regular order.

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called Mountain Creek which came down on the North side, where they told us there was plenty of good from one crop'd another stream called Yellow Breeches, stop at the sign of the Black Horse, thence on to Strasburg where we dined. This is a little Village containing about 250 houses scattered along the road for about half a mile then inhabited mostly Dutch. A small stream of Water runs through this Village over which a large foot Bridge is erected where on this market house stands. In the afternoon we had there another Dutch Village called Strasburg about 8 miles from the former, containing perhaps 60 or 80 houses, and situated in a low Valley near the foot of the S. Mountain, over which we stop'd this evening &
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valley, near the streams of water. ytf
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the Fly, but Rye in most places look’d ytf
well, a great deal of which was sow’d ytf
and no doubt appropriated to the worstytf
of purposes from the Multitude ofytf
still houses, we pas’d on the road. ytf
rode 12 miles to Fort littleton to Breakfast, ytf
over two rugged Mountains fromytf
whose lofty Summits, we could beytf
hold a multitude of surrounding ytf
Mountains interspers’d with many ytf
low valleys, which afforded a gratifyytf
ing prospect. In between these moun-ytf
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near Longwood Creek where appear to be some fertile Bottoms. From Littleton we passed over the Seldon Hills which is said to be seven miles across, and appears to be a range of broken mountains running in almost every direction, took some refreshment at Mr. Skinner's 8 miles from last stage thence on 9 miles further where we crossed Jamaica in the most hilly romantic place I ever saw before.

This stream runs in a meandering manner among the Hills, we rode along in the bend of it for many miles, and some places could throw a finger stone into the stream on either side of the road. In among these high towering Hills are some narrow fertile valleys abounding with limestone in places. Arrived at Hartley's Tavern in the evening where we put in for lodging and got good accommodations for ourselves and horses. Having come in this day's journey about 39 miles.
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5th. Set forward early and rode to Bedford, to Breakfast 6 miles from our Lodging. Bedford is the county Town and a pleasant situation in a large Valley being surrounded with Hills on every side. Proceeded on and reached the Top of the great Allegheny Mountain in the afternoon 27 miles from Bedford. Where there is a good Tavern, a little fertile land about the house, and what was more remarkable, an excellent spring of water a few yards from the House. From thence we descended the Mountain and arrived at Berlin in the evening a pleasant little village of about 50 houses mostly Dutch. We lodged at Doctor Hibbier where our entertainment was very good, and our landlord very solicitous for news about thekolonie of the Times.

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6th of the M. & 1st of the week.

Set out in the morning and rode 13 miles to breakfast at a Dutch Tavern where the Landlady looked rather Scottish, and was not able to supply us with a Tea-Cup & Saucer apiece. Dined at Baplers Tavern 14 miles farther and proceeded on over Rammt Ridge, a lofty mountain from whose Summit we first had a view of the Western Country on the North side of the Mountains, which appeared to be an extensive plain, interspersed with many Hills, beautiful Valleys that afforded a gratifying prospect. Arrived at Connel Hill, in the evening a little Village on the Margin of the Yachigania River, where we were kindly received by our Ancient Friends Thomas Gibson and his Wife, who moved from Chater County in the early settlement of Bedfords —

41. — Came 41 miles to day.
6th of the mo & 1st of the Week. Set out in the morning and ytf rode 13 miles to breakfast at a ytf Dutch Tavern where the Landlady ytf looked rather Sluttish and was not ytf able to furnish us with a Tea cup & ytf Sauces apiece. thence over Laurel Hill din’d at Basslers ytf Tavern 14 miles further and proceeded ytf on over Chesnut Ridge, a lofty moun- ytf tain from whose Summit we first had ytf a view of the Western Country on ytf the North side of the mountains, which ytf appear’d to be an extensive plain, inter- ytf spers’d with small Hilles & beautifully ytf Valleys that afforded a gratifying ytf prospect. ariv’d at Connels ytf Vill. in the evening, a little Village ytf on the Margin of the yochigen ytf River, where we were kindly receiv’d ytf by our antient Friend, Thomas Gibson ytf and his Wife who mov’d from Chester ytf County in the early settlement of ytf Redstone. ytf 41 come 41 miles to day ytf ytf
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is a prosperous little place, where the county courts are held: there are several stores & taverns which appear to get custom plenty. I, at Mr. Dixon's, 5 miles from U. Town where I parted with Joel, and went to Reece Cadwallader's alone, after calling to see one Wm. Whiteside who moved from Newgarden some years ago & who had restrained much property from my father, for military demands in the time of the revolution. He was not at home himself, but his family gave me a hearty welcome. I met with the rest of our company at our kind friend, Reece Cadwallader's where we remained several days to rest ourselves, prepare some necessary articles for our journey, visit...
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