

their treaties with the English. Where cunning people pass counterfeits, and impose that on others which is good for nothing, it is considered as a wickedness; but to sell that to people which we know does them harm, and which often works their ruin, for the sake of gain, manifests a hardened and corrupt heart; and is an evil, which demands the care of all true lovers of virtue to suppress: and while my mind, this evening, was thus employed, I also remembered, that the people on the frontiers, among whom this evil is too common, are often poor; who venture to the outside of a colony, that they may live more independant on such who are wealthy, who often set high rents on their land: being renewedly confirmed in a belief, that if all our inhabitants lived according to sound wisdom, labouring to promote universal love and righteousness, and ceased from every inordinate desire after wealth, and from all customs which are tinged with luxury, the way would be easy for our inhabitants, though much more numerous than at present, to live comfortably on honest employments, without having that temptation they are often under of being drawn into schemes to make settlements on lands which have not been purchased of the Indians, or of applying to that wicked practice of selling rum to them.

On the tenth day of the month we set out early in the morning, and crossed the western branch of Delaware, called the Great
Lehie.