

Finding it impracticable to extend our researches to all the establishments of this region, which we were desirous of visiting within the day, without a journey in all of some 30 miles, to say nothing of the distance we should be called on to walk both upon, and under the ground, it was decided that our further visit should be chiefly confined to the Mines and Works of the Maryland Mining Company. The direct approach to those Mines from Cumberland is by another route, through the valley of Braddock's Run, and nearly in the course of the National road. But we were able to reach them more easily from Mount Savage, by a retired route which carried us past the Clifton and several other Coal Mines. These mines are not yet worked to any great extent, but for the purpose of opening them to the market, the track of a rail road is already nearly graded, uniting with the Mount Savage road at their works, and extending through a valley of gradual ascent to the vicinity of Frostburg. We proceeded on horseback along a winding road in the vicinity of this track, and several coal estates were pointed out to us as we passed. I may here remark, without attempting to give a description of the coal region, that the Mount Savage location was selected rather with reference to the iron manufacture than to that of mining coal, and that being situated near the easterly verge of the coal region, the veins of the coal are thinner, and less eligible for working than at some miles distant towards the southwest, and that for the greatest ease of mining, and abundance of coal beneath a given surface, it is necessary to proceed some 15 or 20 miles, to near the mouth of the Savage river. The thickness of the principal vein, however, increases as you advance towards the National road, where, and in the vicinity of the Maryland, and Boston and New York Company's premises, it is of a thickness of 10 to 14 feet.

On reaching the Cumberland road, you find yourself in the midst of an open and cultivated county, which has supported a considerable agricultural population for many years. Frostburg is a large village prominently situated in an elevated country, and containing a number of good houses. Among them is a large and commodious public house, in a very commanding situation, from which you have an extensive view in every direction. Its elevated situation secures to it at all times a cool and healthy atmosphere, and it is in consequence the resort of visitors from the Southern cities, who, in considerable numbers, make it their Summer residence. The house is large and commodious, and it is well kept. It is on the great line of travel to the West, over the National road, and of course in the line of constant communication with both the East and the West. Our party found there an excellent dinner.

Here we exchanged our horses for seats in carriages, which conveyed us a short distance, down the National road, to the Mine of the Maryland Mining Company. This company possesses a large tract of territory extending South-westwardly from the National road. The large vein of coal of which I have spoken