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Extract of a letter from a gentleman to the Editor, dated  
Pawcettstown, Columbiana County, Ohio, July 21st, 1806.

The county of Columbiana in which I live, differs in the nature of the soil in many places, but it generally consists of a great proportion of good land, variegated with hills and vallies, watered with fine streams, shaded with large tall straight timber. At some places a considerable quantity of black walnut, cherry and mulberry; trees that afford fruit, shade, and ornament; odoriferous shrubs, and medicinal plants. The creeks and rivers are abundantly stored with the most delicious fish; such as pike, yellow and white perch, sturgeon, salmon, bass and sun fish. The first settlers here, are a brave, warlike, resolute people, fond of liberty, and the inveterate enemies of tyranny and oppression. There is no better wheat than what is produced in this county; the flour that is manufactured at Messrs. Bever and Moore's Mills, on Little Beaver Creek, is said to sell at New Orleans, higher than any other flour taken down the Ohio River.

The seat of justice for this county, is fixed at New Lisbon, on the waters of Little Beaver Creek, about 15 miles from the River Ohio. This town is increasing fast in population; great encouragement is given to mechanics of any description. There are two grist and saw mills, and a powder mill; and it affords some good taverns, for the entertainment of travellers, of which there is no inconsiderable number, daily passing through. A few miles beyond New Lisbon, on the waters of Bull Creek, is a large settlement of the society of Friends. They have four meetings or places of worship, which are well attended. We have three Presbyterian societies, one of which are emigrants from Scotland, and have formed a large settlement near the Ohio River, where they are getting rich by their industry and economy. None of these societies have settled ministers, but are supplied with preachers from the Ohio Presbytery. We have, likewise, several congregations of Episcopal Arminian Methodists, whose preachers travel the circuit. The Baptists that are living in this county, have not at present any settled minister, but are occasionally visited by ministers from other neighboring churches.

The air of this county is serene and clear-- we are not troubled with autumnal fevers and ague, but are sometimes sensibly affected with the change of the atmosphere in a few hours. During the month of June last I observed near thirty degrees difference in the course of 24 hours, by Fahrenheit's Thermometer. Upon Yellow Creek, are several saline springs, which produce a large quantity of salt; at different parts of this county, clay is dug up, that furnishes us with excellent pottery ware, and brick for building. Stone-coal of superior quality abounds on almost all our creeks and waters.

Fawcettstown is a small town very pleasantly situated on the Ohio, in which is a postoffice. It contains but few houses, as but little encouragement has been given by the proprietors to settlers. By information we learn that the population in the neighborhood of the town is very considerable. About three miles from thence is a Scotch settlement. The settlers retain the language, manners and dress of the North Britains. They are formed into a religious society, and are expecting a minister from Scotland to take charge of their church.

The road from Fawcettstown, up the bank of the river, is open, and leads to Little Beaver Creek; six miles on which is a grist mill and saw-mill. A tollbridge is erecting, which is, by act of Legislature, to stand good for a term of fifty years. The creek is full of large rocks, and affords a romantic scene.

About two miles up from the mouth is a paper mill, built of stone, and admirably calculated to perform a great deal of business. The paper made at this mill is equal, if not superior, to any made this side of the mountains; and there is every reason to suppose, from the attention paid to the manufacturing, that a large stroke of business will be successfully carried on. How strange to say that, though there are not less than ten or twelve printing presses in the State of Ohio, yet the only paper mill in the State is situated within one mile of its eastern boundary. There does not appear to be a better, or more sure and lucrative speculation.