

comes, (after running <sup>2</sup> from ten to thirty miles) again in contact with the bluff on the same side, from whence it started. This bluff rising in many places to the height of from fifty, to one hundred and fifty feet, separates the high and dry part of the county from the low and wet.

Between this line and the River, a distance of from one to ten miles, the county is flat, marshy and unwholesome. All this low part of the county, is very subject, every spring (at which time we have much rain) to be covered with water to a considerable extent, in which various plants and insects die and putrefy: consequently, the atmosphere during the latter part of summer, and the first of autumn becomes filled with moisture, and putrid exhalations.

Another source of this disease is that