

pieces of rock and large stones in the middle of plains and vallies; whereas in a country consisting chiefly of marble and hard stone, these scattered pieces, which have rolled from the hills and mountains, are very scarce, which proceeds only from the different solidity of the base on which these stones rest, and from the extent of the banks of marble and calcinable stone, which is more considerable than that of free-stone.

ARTICLE XVIII.

OF THE EFFECTS OF RAIN—OF MARSHES, SUBTERRANEAN WOOD, AND WATER.

WE have already observed that rains, and the currents of water they produce, continually detach from the heights of mountains sand, earth, gravel, &c. which they carry