



NEW MILITARY ROAD IN VIRGINIA, NEAR THE CHAIN BRIDGE, ABOVE WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Chain Bridge across the Potomac was one of the main avenues of communication between Washington and the soil of Virginia. After the Union army gained a sure footing on the Virginia side, extensive permanent camps were located in the vicinity of Chain Bridge. The military road, winding around the slope of the hill to the top, led from the bridge to Forts Marcy and Ethan Allen, two strong works in the chain of defences which completely encircled Washington and Alexandria.