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A  
GENERAL VIEW  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES;  
COMPRISING, ALSO,  
A DESCRIPTION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL STATE AND  
TERRITORY IN THE UNION;  
TO WHICH ARE ADDED,  
VARIOUS TABULAR STATEMENTS,  
COMPREHENDING AGGREGATES OF THE  
POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES,  
AT DIFFERENT PERIODS, AS WELL AS  
IN THE YEAR 1840.  
TABLES OF THE MINING, AGRICULTURAL, MANUFACTURING, AND  
COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY OF THE UNION;  
ALSO, OF ITS  
CANALS, RAIL-ROADS, COLLEGES, RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS, ETC.  
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## P R E F A C E .

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THE rapid growth of the American Republic in extent and population, and the distinguished position it has assumed among the nations of the earth, render an acquaintance with the geography of its various states and territories so important, that no one can, without the imputation of ignorance, be destitute to any extent of a knowledge of what is becoming every day better understood, and of which the means and the materials are constantly on the increase. It is, doubtless, incumbent on every individual to become familiar, as far as practicable, with the geography, resources, and condition of the country of which he is a citizen: more especially he who exercises the right of suffrage should, to the extent that his means will permit, obtain a knowledge of the character and details of the government of which he may with propriety be called one of the joint sovereigns, and for the proper conduct of the administration of which he is indirectly responsible.

A perusal of the following pages will be found to supply a large amount of valuable information, concisely stated in comparatively a small space, and to impart an intimate acquaintance with the physical features, population, productions, resources, trade, and improvement of all parts of the Union. For families it is well calculated as a compendious reading-book; and for scholars, whose ideas of geography are derived from some of the various treatises that are usually studied in the public and private schools of the Union, it will impart a more extended and enlarged view of that important science.

The geographical description comprises a general account of the Union, with its Executive government, Judiciary, Public Lands, Army, Navy, &c.; followed by a special delineation of all the different states, including Florida and Texas, as well as the Wisconsin, Iowa, Indian, Missouri, and Oregon Territories—representing their position, soil, minerals, agriculture, products, manufactures, commerce, religious denominations, cities, towns, &c.; all derived from the best authorities, and brought down to the present time. Besides which, there are a number of valuable statistical tables, comprehending an aggregate of the numbers of the different classes of the inhabitants, and their pursuits,—the comparative numbers of the population at different periods, besides lists of the universities and colleges, and other literary and scientific institutions,—the principal canals and rail-roads, numbers of the individuals attached to the different religious societies in the country, &c. The whole forming a mass of facts, interesting to men of business and students of geography, as well as to the public generally.

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