A NEW MAP OF TEXAS,

WITH THE CONTIGUOUS AMERICAN & MEXICAN STATES

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REMARKS ON TEXAS

Those parts of Mexico known by the names of Coahuila and Texas form one State in the Mexican confederacy, of which Texas is the easternmost and largest division. To the people of the United States, Texas is peculiarly interesting from its immediate contiguity, and from the circumstance of those Americans forming the principal portion of its rapidly increasing population. A soil of great fertility & a geographical position highly favorable to commercial intercourse with the United States and the rest of the World, are advantages which doubtless will at no distant period render it an opulent and powerful State. A sea coast of 350 miles in length, affords by means of its numerous rivers, communication at a number of points with the Gulf of Mexico, which with the probable employment of steam navigation on those streams susceptible of it will greatly enhance the value of the soil and its rich productions. The face of the country is generally level, and a great portion of it consists of immense prairies the soil of which is a rich deep black mould, mixed with sand; the wooded lands on many of the rivers are of a rich red loam are of great depth and well timbered with cotton wood, walnut, cedar &c. Most of the productions of tropical climates grow here in great perfection and the cotton is equal to the finest produced in the United States. the other products are sugar, tobacco, rice, indigo, wheat, [illegible] rice in the world and with [illegible] their herds by [illegible] ally purchased who visit the co[illegible] is estimated at Mexicans. When the [illegible] to 50,000 the profit[illegible] ment separate from of a State legislature [illegible] electing their own representatives of Mexico during the spring [illegible] Coahuila and Texas, passed [illegible] expence of all officers, plac[illegible] for the benefit of the people of [illegible] adoption of the English langu[illegible] establishes trial by jury [illegible] and circuit courts, most of the [illegible] have been filled by Americans [illegible] ing Tex. as it is easy from Nat[illegible] goods to Arkansas or Missouri [illegible] by land from Natchitoches by [illegible] ches, Trinidad river &c &c. Th[illegible] maps are mere tracks, except in [illegible] some but the openings, and [illegible] causing restless travelling by [illegible] easy. The number of [illegible] twelve months, estimated at from 4000 to [illegible] were from the United St[illegible]

finest stock is met great abundance [illegible] the cattle [illegible] numbers are innu[illegible] by drovers. The population [illegible] is said to be 5000 [illegible] be found to [illegible] to obtain [illegible] the considerable [illegible] and the rude [illegible] General Congress [illegible] the legislature of [illegible] withdrawing the five [illegible] seats judicial code [illegible] which authorizes the [illegible] all legal proceed[illegible] a seperate supreme [illegible] tribunals of which [illegible] and mode of visit[illegible] Galveston Mobile [illegible] Orleans and [illegible] the Nacogdo[illegible] president on the [illegible] San Felipe to Bra[illegible] mouth of the [illegible] navigation and [illegible] travel. Texas in[illegible] ber 1835, is esti[illegible] annual part of which [illegible]

LAND GRANTS.

The divisions represented on the Map in Texas and denominated Grants are tracts of country granted by the Legislature of Coahuila and Texas to persons of influence and respectability styled Empresarios or Undertakers who engage to settle or locate on their Grants, within the time specified thereby, the required number of settlers. The Empresario by this acquires no right to the soil but only the powers of an agent of the government to give titles to settlers on condition of occupancy and the payment of the required fees with the privilege of having for his remuneration five leagues of land for every hundred families settled under his direction, without expense to Government. Until the present year 1835 the head of a family intending to settle in the country, was entitled to one sitio or league of land 4428 acres on paying the cost of surveying and office fees, to which with the sum claimed by Government, amounting to about one hundred dollars; and a single man was in like manner entitled to a quarter of a league. Six years residence on and improvement of the soil was requisite to acquire a legal title, by a late law the Government has determined to make no more Grants, until the terms of the present Grants are fulfilled; and have enacted a regular land law, and established offices for the sale of all the vacant lands in the country. At present a person desirous of purchasing public land, goes to the land office in the district where the land is situated, files his petition for sale, and obtains an order of survey. The land is laid off into labors of 177 acres each, and the individual may purchase any amount he pleases up to 275 labors or near 50000 acres at the minimum price of 10 dollars per labor, the purchaser paying the necessary fees, one third of the money is payable at the time of sale, and the remainder in two annual instalments. Those however who pay the whole amount at once perfect their titles immediately. New settlers are exempted from the payment of the usual taxes for the term of 10 years.

RIVERS OF T[illegible]AS.

The Sabine, Neches and Trinidad r[illegible] and 410 miles in length; steo[illegible] during a part of the year. The [illegible] gable stream in Texas vessels [illegible] to Brazoria, and steam boats [illegible] his 90 miles higher, the Bido[illegible] R. Brazos is 200 yards wide [illegible] Felipe. The lands on this rive[illegible] the Colorado inclusive, are the [illegible] considered equal in fertility to [illegible] the most beautiful stream in [illegible] and has from 4 to 5 feet water [illegible] high prairies east of the Pan[illegible] flows into Matagorda Bay. Abo[illegible] gation is obstructed by a raft o[illegible] vessels may ascend it 300 miles [illegible] nio, and R. de las Nueces, are more [illegible] They are however but imperfectly k[illegible] Grande or Rio Bravo, has a course [illegible] miles in length. it has been ascende[illegible] upwards of 200 miles from the coast [illegible] its navigation ascertained it can be ascen[illegible] draught 300 miles further for at least [illegible]

SCALE OF MILES. 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Longitude West from Washington

Longitude West 96 from Greenwich