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continual thunder and lightening, with rain, and several violent tornadoes or whirlwinds. The land-marks here are, that the land is higher than the coasts of Gorgona, and very full of hills and trees, particularly one very high mount.

TOMINA, a jurisdiction in the archbishopric of Plata, and province of Peru. It begins about 18 leagues S. E. from the city of Plata; on its eastern confines dwell a nation of wild Indians, called Chiriguanos. The climate here is hot, and consequently its productions are such as are common to hot countries. Some parts have vineyards, and in others are made considerable quantities of sugar. It also abounds in cattle and sheep. Its extent in some parts is near 40 leagues. The vicinity of the Chiriguanos is a continual uneasiness to the towns in this jurisdiction, and even to the city of Plata itself, as they have more than once attempted to surprise it.

• **TOMESAMBA**, a town of Quito, one of the provinces of Peru. Here are the ruins of a temple, dedicated to the Sun, (see Titicaca) the walls of which were lined with gold-plates, when the Spaniards first arrived in this country. It lies about 160 miles south of Quito. Lat. 2. 10. S. long. 77. 10. W.

TOPIA, a mountainous barren part of New Biscay province in Mexico, North America; yet most of the neighbouring parts are pleasant, abounding with all manner of provisions.

TORTOISES, THE RIVER OF, lies ten miles above a lake, twenty miles long, and eight or ten broad, which is formed by the