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Firma Proper, on the isthmus of Darien, in South America, at the north-west end of a riff of rocks, with good anchorage and safe landing, the extremity of the rocks on one side, and the Samballas islands on the other, (the range of which begins from hence) on the other side, guard it from the sea, and so form a very good harbour. It is much frequented by privateers.

TICONDERAGO, a fort, built by the French in the year 1756, on the narrow passage, or communication, between the lakes George and Champlin, in North America. It had all the advantages that art or nature could give it, being defended on three sides by water surrounded by rocks, and by half of the fourth by a swamp, and where that fails, the French erected a breastwork nine feet high. The troops under General Abercrombie were defeated here in the year 1758; but it was taken the year following by General Amherst.

TICSAN, a village of Ouenca, and department of Alanfis, in Quito, in South America, which was entirely destroyed by an earthquake, but the inhabitants escaped, and removed to a safer situation. The marks of this dreadful convulsion of nature are still visible in several chasms among the mountains, many of which are two or three feet in breadth; this evidently evincing the violent concussions in the bowels of the earth at that time. The temperature of the air here is something colder than at Cuenca, though not in a degree sufficient to lessen the exuberant fertility of the soil.

TIMBUES, Indian natives of South America; some of which dwell along the banks of the

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