

which they are known to the native Indians.—From the country of the Madawgwys some of the rivers run eastward, and others to the west: by the former they come into the Missouri, and so into the Mississippi, bringing with them skins, pickled buffalo-tongues, and other articles for traffic; and by the latter they have a communication with the Pacific ocean, from a great salt water lake in their country, down the Oregon, or the great river of the west, through the straits of Juan de Fuca, and other openings. The character of these insulated Cambrians, who are a numerous people, is that they are very warlike; are more civilized than the Indians; live in large villages in houses built of stone; are commodiously clad; use horses in hunting. They have iron, of which they make tools, but have no fire-arms; and they navigate the lake in large piraguas. Their government is on the feudal system, and their princes are considered as the direct descendants of Madawg.

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No. IX.

*A Letter concerning the Welch Indians by the Rev. Joshua Thomas, of Leominster, with additional Remarks by Mr. Williams.*

*Leominster, July 30, 1791.*

THE Rev. Thomas Jones, of Nottage, in the county of Glamorgan, went to America in 1737. His son Samuel was then three years of age. He gave him a liberal education in Philadelphia, where he took the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He (Dr. Samuel Jones) wrote lately to the Rev. Mr. William Richards, of Lynn, in Norfolk. In that letter he says, speaking of the Madocian Indians, "the finding of them would be one of the joyfulest things to me that could happen. I think I should immediately go among them, though I am now turned 55; and there are in America Welch preachers ready to set out to visit them as soon as the way to their country is discovered."

The Rev. Morgan Edwards, A. M. went over to Philadelphia in 1761. He is a native of Monmouthshire. In a letter I had from him, dated Newark, in Pennsylvania, July 15, 1786, he says, in your book (*Hanes y Bedyddwyr*) you take notice of the Welch who emigrated with Madoc ap Owen Gwynedd to America in 1170. One Mr. John Fuson has lately (1784) published a book, intituled, *The Discovery,*