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VALDIVIA. See BALDIVIA.

VALLADOLID, a town of Jucatan, and audience of Mexico, in New Spain. It is little known to strangers, but lies 30 miles west of the gulph of Honduras, 170 south-west of Truxillo, and 65 south-east of Merida. Lat. 14. 10. N. long. 51. 21. W.

VALPARAISO, a large and populous town of Chili, in South America; with a harbour, forming the port of St. Jago. It stands in lat. 33. 2. 36. S. and long. 304. 11. 45. from the meridian of Teneriff, or 77. 29. W. of London. It has an inconvenient situation near the foot of a mountain, and that part of it along the coast is exposed to the north-winds. Besides the parish-church, here are some convents, but very few religious. It is inhabited by Spaniards and casts of Mulattoes and Mestizoes. All the Callao ships come hither, and take in back again wheat, tallow, Cordouan leather, cordage, and dried fruits. The commerce is carried on but in summer, the place becoming remarkably desolate in winter, by the removal of the traders to Santiago; from which latter city, and its own neighbourhood, Valparaíso is abundantly supplied with provisions. The fruits cannot be viewed without admiration. Partridges abound here in the season, so as to be knocked down with sticks. The coast forms a bay, north-east and south-west, about three leagues in length, having two capes, Concon and Valparaíso. In the south-west part is the harbour, every where free from rocks and shoals, except to the north-east of the breach de los Angeles, where is a blind rock.

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