

undefined extent." The word undefined was there used to show that the boundaries of Louisiana, in those directions, had not been, as on the east, definitely settled by accord of the parties interested ; and this simple statement cannot be impugned, by the assertion that Louisiana was then bounded on the north by Canada, or the Hudson's Bay territories, the limits of which were equally undetermined.

Mr. Falconer has displayed very little fairness, in his remarks on the part of this history, relating to the discovery of the Columbia, in which he omits all notice of the principal arguments in favor of the Americans, and against the assertions of Vancouver and Broughton. With regard to the bitterness which the author is said to evince towards Vancouver, he confesses, that as an American, he felt deeply, but more in sorrow than in anger, the insults heaped upon his fellow-citizens, in the journal of that distinguished navigator : he has, however, in no instance expressed those feelings, without showing the circumstances which gave rise to them ; and he has produced distinct charges of invidiousness and want of good faith, on the part of Vancouver, drawn entirely from his Journal, which it will not be easy to controvert. It may be observed, however, that Mr. Falconer rather apologizes for his countryman than defends him ; and that he does not seem disposed to admit, that Gray never saw the Columbia or was within five leagues of its entrance.

With regard to the " Exploration of the territories of Oregon, California, &c. by M. Duflot de Mofras," published recently at Paris, by order of the king, and under the auspices of Marshal Soult and M. Guizot, the author conceives himself warranted in asserting, that although it professes to be the result of long and minute observations, during a mission in those countries, and of subsequent profound researches and studies, yet the greater portion of the work is extracted from the present History and the preceding Memoir on the same subject, and it contains scarcely anything which might