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## PREFACE.

THE first edition of THE AMERICAN GAZETTEER was published in the year 1797. The work was considered as incomplete without a second volume, which should embrace the other three quarters of the globe. This was accordingly compiled and published, under the title of "A NEW GAZETTEER OF THE EASTERN CONTINENT, in 1802. These two volumes professedly describe, from the best authorities, all the places of importance on the habitable earth.

A new edition of the first volume being called for, the Author now offers it to the public, whose patronage he has liberally and gratefully shared, and which it has been, and will be, his ambition to deserve. Neither labour nor expense have been spared to enrich this new edition from the numerous sources of information, which have been opened since the first was published. Much has been derived from obliging correspondents, whose favors are thankfully, though they cannot be particularly, acknowledged. More has been collected from the very valuable Maps and Publications, which have appeared since the last seven years. Several of the most