

deavoured to render every information; but it is impossible to positively impose this place or that, because I am sensible, let the emigrant's pursuit be what it may, his choice becomes bewildered on his arrival; for one will point out the State of Missouri--another Massachusetts, the almost extreme boundaries east and west.

These pages I have not swelled or augmented by a prolix detail of pointing out distances from place to place--as there stands a tree, or here runs a stream, which I consider unnecessary, and indeed useless. If, therefore, such remarks should be considered worthy of adoption, to remain *at home*, I have conscientiously, in an unprejudiced manner, gained my purpose. On the reverse, should a *transportation* be decided on, I hope I have offered some means of defence and caution; and I sincerely wish those a safe passage, and the blessing of health, peace, and plenty.

And now to my distinguished friends, who kindly honored me with their fostering patronage as SUBSCRIBERS, I once more appeal; I am aware a barrenness of intellect, as well as the cold hand of penury, will appear on the feature of these pages: yet poor as I am, I am still rich in thanks. I humbly, therefore, intreat, (though last, not least) they will deign to accept the permanent and unfeigned gratitude of their

Obedient, devoted Servant,

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