

**A SKETCH**  
**OF THE NATURAL GEOGRAPHY OF THE**  
**OREGON COUNTRY.**

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**EXTENT AND BOUNDARY.**

THIS country belongs to different and independent tribes of Indians, and is that part of North America, which lies between latitudes 42 and 49 degrees N., and is bounded on the W. by the Pacific ocean, and on the E. by an indefinite line, on the summit of the Rocky mountains. On the north, it is about 400 miles, and on the south, 580 miles in extent. It has about 420 miles of sea coast. The American Republic claims a right of sovereignty over this, and likewise over the country extending from this, to 54° 30' N. latitude. The particular territory, of which we propose some account, is called Oregon; because it was included within the Louisiana purchase; and because, it is watered and beautified by a river, which once bore the name of Oregon, but which is now more generally, and properly, called Columbia, after the name of the first American vessel, that ever floated on its waters.

**THE INDIAN TITLE.**

Captain KENDRICK, in the service of a company of gentlemen in Boston, in the year 1791, bought of certain tribes of Indians inhabiting the coast of this country, a tract of their lands. With this exception, if this exception is to be made, the title of the whole country, and the exclusive right of occu-