

pilation of the other volume of this work. His assistance has been engaged, for the double purpose of lessening the literary labours of the Author, and of increasing the value of the work, by the aid of his extensive researches into subjects of this nature, and of his peculiar talent in condensing the substance of large volumes into a small compass.

A specific name for our country has long been a *desideratum*. The want of it has been felt by our citizens, who have visited foreign countries, by our Legislators, and especially by geographical writers. Much has been said in private conversation, and some things have been written, on the subject. The epoch of the addition of Louisiana to the United States, is thought to be a fit time to introduce such a *generic* name for our country. Several names have been suggested, FREDONIA, COLUMBIA, and AMERICA, have each their advocates. The latter, could it be *appropriated* to the territory under the government of the United States, and distinguish its inhabitants from all other Americans, would undoubtedly be entitled to the preference. But this is thought to be impracticable. Several reasons have been urged in favor of COLUMBIA. It would be honorary to the memory of the discoverer of America, and it is already partially introduced; but it will not so happily run through all the variations, important in a *generic* name, as FREDONIA. For no other reason has the latter
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