

result of their discoveries and astronomical observations and topographical admeasurements to the government at Washington.

It being desirable for the Federal authorities to become fully acquainted with the state of the territory between the southern geographical boundary of the United States and the Rocky Mountains, around the head-waters of the Missouri, Captain Fremont was appointed to superintend that exploring tour. That enterprising and scientific traveller is now absent on his *third* expedition to enlarge our acquaintance with the western uninhabited districts.

The ensuing narratives include the **REPORTS** of the two tours which have already been made by Captain Fremont, as they were presented to the **Congress** of the United States, and originally published by their command; excluding only the portions which are altogether astronomical, scientific, and philosophical, and therefore not adapted for general utility. Captain Fremont states that the whole of the delineations both "in the narrative and in the maps," which constitute the official publication, are "the result of positive observation." From a survey of the researches thus presented, it appears, that the entire map of Oregon has been amply drawn out, so far as at present is requisite for all the purposes of geographical inquiry and national arrangement. With these claims on public attention, and the deep interest which the subject itself now offers, this authentic edition of Captain Fremont's extensive and protracted researches in the western dominions of the United States, is confidently recommended to the perusal of our fellow-citizens.

NEW YORK, November 11, 1845.

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