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cluding the whole province of Panama, and part of that of Darien. It contains the three provinces of Panama, Darien, and Veraguas: which others subdivide from W. to E. into Popayan, New Granada, or Santa Fé, or Castello del Oro, and New Andalusia, on the S. Then going from E. to W. Venezuela, Rio de la Hacha, Santa Martha, Cartagena, and Terra Firma Proper, which is the isthmus of Darien on the N.

Terra Firma has part of Peru, the Amazons Country, and part of Guiana, on the S. the river Oroonoko, which parts it from Guiana, on the S. E. the Atlantic ocean on the E. and that part of it, called the North sea, on the N. and the South sea on the W. where the isthmus of Darien also parts it from Mexico, or New Spain.

The narrowest part of the isthmus is from the rivers Darien and Chagre, on the North sea, to those of Pito and Caymito on the South sea: and here the distance from sea to sea is about 14 leagues: afterwards it increases in breadth towards Choco and Sitara; and the same westward, in the province of Veraguas, forming an interval of 40 leagues from sea to sea.

Along this isthmus run those famous chains of lofty mountains called the Andes: which, beginning at such a prodigious distance as the Terra Magellanica, traverses the kingdom of Chili, the province of Buenos Ayres, through Peru and Quito; and from the latter province they contract themselves, as it were, for a passage through this narrow isthmus. Afterwards again widening, they continue their course  
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