

Ptolemais or Ptolemy may refer to one of Alexander's Generals, sometimes called Ptolemy Lagus or Soter. From this discovery it is evident that the soil of Brazil was formerly broken by an Egyptian more than a thousand years before the discovery by Columbus.

On the rocks of Dighton, in Massachusetts, near the sea, have been discovered Phœnician letters, legibly engraved, a strong evidence of the presence of Phœnicians, or their descendants, on this Continent. The Phœnicians once held dominion on the Island of Malta in the Mediterranean and were in the habit of depositing their dead in caves. Near the junction of the Illinois river with the Mississippi, one of these Phœnician depositories was discovered some years since, it contained the remains of the lands.

The hypothesis of the discovery of the American Continent by the Phœnicians has of late received additional support. Glass beads of accepted Phœnician manufacture have been found in an ancient estuary of the Copper age at Beverly in Canada.

Lexington, Kentucky, stands nearly on the remains of an ancient town, which was of great extent and magnificence, as is amply evident by the wide range of circumvalatory works, and the quantity of ground it once occupied. Connected with the antiquities of this place there was a Catacomb, formed in the limestone rock, about fifteen feet below the surface of the earth; it was discovered in 1775, by some of the first settlers, whose curiosity was excited by something remarkable in the arrangement