

ZEALAND, one of the seven United Provinces of the Netherlands, bounded on the N by the isles of Holland, on the E by Dutch Brabant, on the S by Dutch Flanders, and on the W and NW by the German Ocean. It is composed of several islands, the principal of which are Walcheren, Schouwen, N and S Beveland, Tolen, Duyveland, and Wolfersdyck. The soil is fertile, but the air unhealthy. The principal towns are Middleburg and Flushing.

ZEALAND, NEW, an island in the Pacific Ocean, discovered by Tasman, in 1642. He called the country Staten Land, in honour of the States General, though it has been generally distinguished in our maps by the name of New Zealand. From his time, the whole country (except the E coast, which he had explored from 34 to 43° S lat.) remained altogether unknown, and was by many supposed to make part of a southern continent, till 1770, when it was circumnavigated by captain Cook, who found it to consist of two large islands, separated by a strait, four or five leagues broad, to which he gave his own name. These islands lie between lat. 34 and 48° S, and lon. 166 and 180° E. The winters here are milder than in England, and the summers not hotter, though more equally warm. There are forests of vast extent, full of the straightest and largest timber, fit for building of any kind. Wild celery, and a kind of cresses, grow plentifully in almost every cove. Yams, sweet potatoes, and cocoas, are raised by cultivation. Captain Cook, in 1773, planted several spots of ground with European garden seeds; and, in 1777, in several of these spots, although totally neglected and overrun by weeds, were found cabbages, onions, leeks, purslain, radishes, mustard, &c. and a few fine potatoes, greatly improved by change of soil. In other places every thing had been rooted out to make room for temporary villages. The only quadrupeds are dogs and rats; the former are domestic, and for food,

and the latter, though not numerous, seem also to be eaten. Captain Cook introduced European poultry, and, on his last visit, had the satisfaction to find them increased, both in a wild and domestic state; beyond all danger of being ever exterminated. The men are stout, well-made, and fleshy; but none of them corpulent, like the inhabitants of Otaheite and the Society Isles; and they are exceedingly vigorous and active. The women, in general, are smaller than the men; but possessing few peculiar graces of form or person, and chiefly distinguished by the softness of their voices. The bodies of both sexes are marked with black stains, which is the same as tattooing at Otaheite. Their dress is also the same. Their houses are miserable lodging-places; and their only furniture is a few small baskets. The women eat in common with the men, and their method of feeding corresponds with the nastiness of their persons. From Cape Kidnappers, in lat. 39 43, for upward of 80 leagues to the northward, the people acknowledge one sovereign, called Teratu, and under him several subordinate chiefs, who probably administer justice, and to whom great respect is paid; but whether his authority be hereditary or delegated, is uncertain. This part of the coast is much the most populous; tillage, weaving, and the other arts of peace, being here best known, and most practised. In other parts, they are scattered along the coast, in single families, or in larger tribes, and each in a state of perpetual hostility.

ZEGZEG, a kingdom of Negroland, lying on the river Niger, by which it is separated, on the N, by the empire of Cashna. On the E it is bounded by Zamfara, on the S by Benin, and on the W by unknown deserts.

ZEIGHENHEIM, a town of Germany, in the landgrate of Hesse Cassel, 30 miles S of Cassel.

ZEIL, a town of Suabia, capital of a county of the same name, in the Altgau, between the county of Wurzach

and Leutkirch, and in the district of Aitrach, 7 miles S of Leutkirch.

ZEITO, a city of Europe, in the archbishopric of Salzburg, by a gulf of the SE of Lari.

ZEITZ, a city of the circle of Naumburg, well frequented on the Elbe, and 45 E of Leipzig.

ZELL, a city of the circle of Naumburg, capital of a district, which devotes itself to agriculture, by means of the high territories of Brunswick, and the imperial means of circumstant building, the residence of Denmark, 1757, the orphan number of 1 have perished, 31, and 47 S by 10 12 E, lat.

ZELL, a city of Suabia, under the house of Austria, lake of the Zell, the Zell Constance, stance.

ZELL, a city of the Moselle.

ZELLAR, a city of

ZELL, a city of Harmsba of Suabia, SE of Offen.

ZELL, a city in the archbishopric of the residence