

Prisoner among the Spaniards, and worked in the Mines of Mexico; and by some means, he contrived to escape, got into the wilds, and made his way across the Continent, and eventually passed through the midst of the Padoucas, and at once found himself with a people with whom he could converse, and he staid there some time." Amongst other particulars he told me "that they had several Books, which were most religiously preserved in skins, and were considered by them as mysteries. These they believed gave an account from whence they came. These people told the Welshman that they had not seen a White Man like themselves, who was a Stranger, for a long time." This was the substance of General Bowles's information.

In the Gentleman's Magazine for September, 1791, a Gentleman hath made some strictures on the character of Mr. Bowles. From what he says we are led to conclude that he had some particular knowledge, but rather a bad opinion of him. It has been said that he is an Irishman, and a Relation of a respectable Tradesman in London. But his Birth and Occupation, 12, or 14 Years ago, are nothing to the purpose. We are alone concerned in his veracity. If he was a few years since, in "a humble station," it is much to his honour to have attained to any distinguished rank; and certainly is a proof that he is possessed of some kind of merit. His coming to England, indeed,
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