

Discovery, Settlement, and present State of Kentucky; wherein, after mentioning the story of Madoc ap Owen, he has these words: This account has several times drawn the attention of the world; but as no vestiges of them (the Welch) had then been found, it was concluded, perhaps too rashly, to be a fable, or, at least, that no remains of the colony existed; but of late the Western settlers have received frequent accounts of a nation at a great distance up the Missouri (a branch of the Mississippi), in manners and appearance resembling other Indians, but speaking Welch, and retaining some ceremonies of the Christian worship; and at length this is universally believed to be a fact. Captain Abraham Chaplain, of Kentucky, (a gentleman whose veracity may be depended upon) assured me that in the late war, being with his company in garrison in Kaskaski, some Indians came there, and, speaking the Welch language, were perfectly understood, and conversed with, by two Welchmen in his company; and that they informed them of their situation as above."—Thus far transcribed out of Mr. Filson's book.

Then Mr. M. Edwards proceeds:—The said Missouri river is said to run a course of 3000 miles before it falls into the Mississippi. Kentucky was discovered by one James M'Bride in 1754. Since the peace abundance of people have emigrated there. This country was certainly inhabited by white people many years ago, as appears by the remains of two regular fortifications, the plowing up of broken earthen ware, a pair of millstones, &c.; all which were unknown to the Indians. Mr. Filson ascribes them to the Welch, who removed from thence to the Missouri, as he supposes.—Thus far Mr. Morgan Edwards.

As this is a new affair, or rather a subject long and deeply buried in oblivion, and of late thus raised up, I can say no more to it of any importance. I have heard some hints of Welch people being about the Mississippi about forty years ago, and some other hints of no use now; because I do not perfectly remember the particulars and authority of them.

I am, &c.

JOSHUA THOMAS.

In addition to the above account of Mr. Thomas, I here add a passage from his *Hanes y Bedyd durgr*, i. e. The History of the Baptists in Wales, mentioned above. In English thus:—"Many authors mention this Welch nation (in America). The following words are in a letter from Mr.

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