

New-Mexico; which run in a chain of continued ridges from north to south, and are reckoned to divide that country from *Louisiana*, about 900 miles west from the *Mississipi*.

This is one entire level champaign country; the part of which that lies west of the *Mississipi* is 900 miles (of sixty to a degree) by 300, and contains 270,000 square miles, as much as both *France* and *Spain* put together. This country lies in the latitude of those fruitful regions of *Barbary*, *Syria*, *Persia*, *India*, and the middle of *China*, and is alone sufficient to supply the world with all the products of *North America*. It is very fertile in every thing, both in lands and metals, by all the accounts we have of it; and is watered by several large navigable rivers, that spread over the whole country from the *Mississipi* to *New-Mexico*; besides several smaller rivers on the coast west of the *Mississipi*, that fall into the bay of *Mexico*; of which we have no good accounts, if it be not that Mr. *Coxe* tells us of one, the river of the *Genis*, which, he says, "is broad, deep, and
"navigable almost to its heads, which chiefly
"proceed from the ridge of hills that separate
"this province from *New-Mexico* *," and

* *Description of Carolina*, p. 37.