

about to be conducted into the various parts of the city, from a fine spring 5 miles west of the city. For these improvements the inhabitants are indebted to the patriotic exertions of a very few gentlemen.

One mile north of this city, in its suburbs, near the manor house of lieutenant governor Van Rensselaer, are very ingeniously constructed, extensive and useful works, for the manufacture of Scotch and rappee snuff, roll and cut tobacco of different kinds, chocolate, mustard, starch, hair-powder, split peas, and hulled barley. These valuable works are the property of Mr. James Caldwell, who unfortunately lost a complete set of similar works, by fire, in July, 1794, with the stock, valued at 37,500 dollars. It is a circumstance worthy of remark, and is evincive of the industry and enterprise of the proprietor, that the whole of the present buildings and machinery were begun and completed in the short space of eleven months. These works are decidedly superior to any of the kind in America. All the arts above enumerated, even to the spinning of tobacco, are manufactured by the aid of water machinery. For the invention of this machinery the proprietor has obtained a patent. These works give employment and subsistence to 40 poor boys, and a number of workmen. Men who make such efforts to advance American manufactures, deserve well of their country.

ALBANY, a British fortress in New South Wales, in N. America, situated on the river of the same name. N. lat. 53. 10. W. long. 87. 20.

ALBANY River, falls into James's Bay, in N. America, in N. lat. 51. 30. W. long. 84. 30. This river runs in a N. E. direction, and has communication with a vast chain of small lakes, in a line S. W. to the S. end of Winnipeg lake, a body of water next in size to Lake Superior.

ALBEMARLE County, in Virginia, lies between the Blue ridge and the tide waters, and contains 12,585 inhabitants, including 5579 slaves. Its extent about 35 miles square.

ALBEMARLE SOUND, on the coast of North-Carolina, is a kind of inland sea, 60 miles in length, and from 8 to 12 in breadth. It lies north of Pamlico Sound, and communicates with it; as

it likewise does with Currituck Inlet. It receives Roanoke and Meherrin rivers; and the passage into it from the sea is called Roanoke Inlet.

ALBION, NEW, the name given by Sir Francis Drake to California, and part of the N. W. coast of America, when he took possession of it. A large tract of the N. W. coast is thus called. Capt. Cook landed on a part of this coast on the 7th of March, 1778, in N. lat. 74. 33. E. long. 235. 10. which he thus describes: "The land is full of mountains, the tops of which are covered with snow; while the vallies between them, and the grounds on the sea-coast, high as well as low, are covered with trees, which form a beautiful prospect, as of one vast forest. At first the natives seemed to prefer iron to every other article of commerce; at last they preferred brass. They were more tenacious of their property than any of the savage nations that had hitherto been met with; so that they would not part with wood, water, grass, nor the most trifling article without a compensation, and were sometimes very unreasonable in their demands."

ALDEN, PORT, in Cherry Valley, in the state of New-York.

ALEMPICON, a small lake northward of Lake Superior.

ALEXANDRIA, a township in Grafton county, New-Hampshire, containing 298 inhabitants; incorporated in 1782.

ALEXANDRIA, a township in Hunterdon county, New-Jersey, containing 1503 inhabitants, inclusive of 40 slaves.

ALEXANDRIA, a small town in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, on the Franktown branch of Juniatta river; 192 miles N. W. of Philadelphia.

ALEXANDRIA, formerly called *Belhaven*, a city in Virginia, situated on the southern bank of the Patowmac river, in Fairfax county, about 5 miles S. W. from the Federal City, 60 S. W. from Baltimore, 60 N. from Frederickburgh, 168 N. of Williamsburgh, and 290 from the sea; 38. 45. N. lat. and 77. 10. W. long. Its situation is elevated and pleasant. The soil is clayey. The original settlers, anticipating its future growth and importance, laid out the streets on the plan of Philadelphia. It contains about 400 houses, many of which are handsomely built, and 2748 inhabitants. This city, upon opening the

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