

HISTORY
OF
NORTH AMERICA.



STATISTICAL VIEW of the UNITED STATES.

SECTION V.—CONTINUED.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

SITUATION AND BOUNDARIES.—Between 40° 33' and 45° north latitude, and 3° 43' east, and 2° 43' west longitude. It is bounded on the north by Lake Ontario and Canada; south by Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the Atlantic Ocean; east by Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut; west by Upper Canada, Lake Erie, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Its greatest length from north to south is 300 miles. Its breadth from the state of Massachusetts to Lake Erie, on the parallel of 42°, is 340 miles. On the east, Lake Champlain is the boundary for more than 100 miles. Along the north-western side, the St. Lawrence river extends 120 miles; Lake Ontario, 200; Niagara river, 40; and Lake Erie, 70 miles. The area, exclusive of islands, is 55,000 square miles.

Aspect of the Country and Nature of the Soil.—The country, on the west side of the Alleghany mountains, is generally level, particularly between the Seneca and Cayuga Lakes, and along the borders of the Mohawk river. On the eastern side, the surface swells into hills and ridges of various forms, with rich intervening vallies, covered, in the natural state, with lofty forests,