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APPENDIX TO JOHNSON'S NEW ILLUSTRATED ATLAS.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE GREAT REBELLION.

SHOWING AT A GLANCE ITS RISE AND PROGRESS, AND A CORRECT AND CONCISE ACCOUNT OF THE VICTORIES AND DEFEATS, TRIUMPHS AND DISASTERS, SUCCESSES AND REVERSES, OF THE ARMY AND NAVY OF THE UNION. CAREFULLY COMPILED FROM THE MOST AUTHENTIC AND TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES.

REBELLION and secession, long threatened and determined upon by the ! slaveholding section of the United States, became realities in 1860. The issue was decided by the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency of the United States. No sooner was the result of the election known than preparations were made for the separation of all the Southern States from the Union. The first public act which took place, having for its ultimate object the dissolution of existing political relations and the formation of a Southern Confederacy, was the call for a State Convention in South Carolina. This resulted in the secession of that State and subsequently of the other States now represented in the Confederate Congress. The progress of events adopted never to be changed.

15. The Legislature of Virginia convened at Richmond.

State Shape of the Interior, went to Raleigh to persuade Shape of the Interior in the following pages:

November, 1860.

- Introduced into the South Carolina Legislature.

 James Chestnut, senator from South Carolina, resigned his seat in the U.S. Senate.

 The commissioner addressed a secession meeting in Baltimore.

 20. South Carolina State Convention adopted a secession ordinance by a unanimous vote, the news of which was heard with enthusiasm through-
- -South Carolina Legislature ordered the election of a State Convention to consider the question of secession.

 11. James H. Hammond, senator from South Carolina, resigned his seat in
- 14. Hon. Alex. H. Stevens, in a speech delivered at Milledgeville, Ga.,
- spoke in opposition to secession but favored a State Convention.

 15. Great public meeting at Mobile and adoption of the famous Declaration of the Causes of Secession.
- -Governor of Virginia called an extra session of the State Legislature -U. S. Senator Robert Toombs spoke in reply to Mr. Stevens at Milledge-ville, Ga., advocating secession; and in a few days subsequently Mr.
- Stevens gave in his adhesion thereto. 17. Great public meeting at Charleston, S. C., at which the causes and rights of secession were discussed.
- 18. Georgia Legislature voted \$1,000,000 for the purpose of arming the State, and ordered an election for delegates to a State Convention.
- -Major Anderson ordered to Fort Moultrie, harbor of Charleston, to relieve Col. Gardiner, ordered to Texas.
- Governor of Louisiana ordered an extra session of the State Legislature,
 30-23. Suspension of specie payments by the banks of Richmond, Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, and Trenton, and throughout the
- 24. Vigilance associations organized in South Carolina. [Similar associa tions were subsequently organized in all the slave States, and thousands of Northern families were driven out of the country with threats and
- -Mississippi Legislature voted to send commissioners to confer with the authorities of the other slaveholding States.

December, 1860.

- 1. Florida Legislature voted to hold a State Convention and ordered an election for delegates thereto.

 3. A John Brown anniversary meeting in Boston, Mass., broken up.
- Opening of the 2d Session of the XXXVI. Congress. President Buchanan in his message denied the right of any State or States to secede. This assertion was flercely attacked by Senator Clingman, of North Carolina, and as valiently defended by Senator Crittenden, of Kentucky. 4. President Buchanan sent Mr. Trescott to South Carolina to request a
- postponement of hostile action until Congress could decide upon
- dicted the secession of five if not eight States before the 4th March proximo. He was replied to by Senator Saulsbury, of Delaware, who spoke -Joseph Holt, of Kentucky, appointed Secretary of War, in place of Floyd 17. Joseph Holt, of Kentucky, nominated Secretary of War.

- emocratic State Convention in Maryland : resolutions passed deploring the hasty action of South Carolina, The House Committee of Thirty-Three announced by the Speaker: 16 Re-
- by Philip F. Thomas, of Maryland.
- -Senator C. C. Clay, of Alabama, resigned his seat in the U. S. Senate.
- General debate on the state of the country commenced in Congress. 13. Great Union demonstration in Philadelphia.
- 8. Black, of Pennsylvania. The cause of Gen. Cass' resignation was the
- refusal of the President to reinforce Fort Moultrie.
- took ground for immediate secession,
- -Senator Wade, in a speech delivered in the U.S. Senate, foreshadowed the policy of the administration of President Lincoln.
- The famous Crittenden Compromise introduced into the U. S. Senate. It

- and permit it south of that line; admit new States with or without slavery, as their constitutions provide; prohibit Congress from abolishing slavery

 5. South Carolina State Convention adjourned, subject to the call of its in States, and in the District of Columbia so long as it exists in Maryland and Virginia; permit free transmission of slaves by land or water in —Steamer "Star of the West" sailed from New York with supplies and repeat of Personal Liberty Bills in the Northern States. These concessions to be submitted to the people as amendments of the Constitution, and if

 —Florida State Convention met at Tallahassee.
- the North Carolina Legislature to vote for secession.

 -State Convention of Mississippi convened at Jackson.

 -Legislature of Tennessee convened at Nashville.
- 10. Bill to raise and equip 10,000 volunteers for the defense of the State -Gov. Hicks, of Maryland, refused to receive the Mississippi commissioner.
 - -The Committee of Thirteen appointed by the President of the Senate.
 - -Hon, Caleb Cushing reached Charleston with a message from President Buchanan, guaranteeing that Major Anderson should not be reinforced, and asking the Convention to respect the federal laws. Convention refused to make any promises, and Mr. Cushing returned after a stay of
 - 22. North Carolina Legislature adjourned: a bill to arm the State failed to
 - pass the House. -The Crittenden Compromise propositions voted down in the Senate Committee of Thirteen.

 23. Robbery of the Indian Trust Fund discovered at Washington. Floyd,
 - the Sec. of War, was the chief agent in this transaction.
 24. South Carolina members of Congress present their resignation: the
 - Speaker would not recognize it, and their names were called through
 - -People of Pittsburg, Pa., intercepted the shipment of ordnance from the
 - arsenal to the Southern forts.

 South Carolina State Convention adopted a "Declaration of Causes" for

 12. Steamer "Star of the West" returned to New York, having two shotsecession, and formally perfected the withdrawal of the State from the Union. An address to the slaveholding States adopted.
- 25. South Carolina State Convention adopted resolutions having in view the formation of a confederate government of the slaveholding States.

 McRae, and Lamar) withdrew from Congress.

 13. Fort Barrancas and the U. S. Navy Yard at Pensacola surrendered to 26. Commissioners from South Carolina arrived in Washington.

 —Major Anderson abandoned Fort Moultrie and with his force, about 80

 14. Legislature of South Carolina declared that any attempt to reinforce Fort 29. Vermont Legislature refused, by a vote of 125 to 58, to repeal the Per- 26. Commissioners from South Carolina arrived in Washington.
 - men, established himself in Fort Sumter. 27. Gov. Magoffin called an extra session of the Legislature of Kentucky. Great excitement in Charleston on the discovery that Major Anderson had
 - tendered from Georgia and other States.

 -Revenue cutter "Aiken" treacherously surrendered to the South Carolina
 - 28. Custom-house, post-office, and arsenal at Charleston seized by the authorities, and Castle Pinckney and Fort Moultrie occupied by the
 - 29. John B. Floyd, U. S. Sec. of War, resigned, charging the President, by refusing to withdraw Major Anderson, with trying to provoke civil war.
 Real cause: fear of prosecution for robbing the Indian Trust Fund.
 S. Carolina Commissioners formally sought an audience of the President.

 Legislature of Missouri voted to hold a State Convention.

 —Col. Hayne, in the name of the Governor of South Carolina Commissioners formally sought an audience of the President.
- Senator Iverson, of Georgia, in a speech delivered in the U.S. Senate, pre- 30. The President, in reply to the application of the South Carolina Com-
- for the Union and reproved Iverson.

 5. Election of delegates to a State Convention in South Carolina: all the 31. The Senate Committee of Thirteen report that they have not been able
 - -South Carolina State Convention adopted an oath of abjuration and allc- | -Legislature of Tennessee voted to call a State Convention. giance, and sent commissioners to the other slave States with a view 31. Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi, Benjamin Fitzpatrick and C. C. Clay, Jr., to the formation of a Southern Confederacy.

January, 1861.

- 10. Howell Cobb, U. S. Sec. of the Treasury, resigned, and was succeeded 1. The frigate "Brooklyn" and another war vessel ordered to Charleston.
- -Louisiana Legislature, convened at Baton Rouge in extra session, voted to elect a State Convention, and appropriated \$500,000 to arm the State.

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- -Forts Pulaski and Jackson, in the harbor of Savannah, and the U.S. Arsenal at Savannah seized by the Georgia State troops. - Extra session of the cabinet on the question of reinforcing Fort Moultrie: 3. The South Carolina Commissioners left Washington on their return home,
- the President opposed it and carried his point.

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 sion to be rebellion, and to be rebellion. in accordance with the recommendation of the President.
 - seized by order of the Governor of Alabama.

 Governor Pickens, of South Carolina, appointed his cabinet ministers, viz., Sec. of State, A. G. Magrath; Sec. of War, D. F. Jamison; Sec. of the Treasury, C. G. Memminger; Sec. of the Interior, A. C. Garlington, and Post-Master-General, W. W. Harllee.

 24. U. S. Arsenal at Augusta, Ga., seized by the State troops.

 Annual meeting of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society broken up by a mob.

 25. Legislature of Rhode Island repealed the Personal Liberty Bill.

 26. Louisiana State Convention adopted an ordinance of secession (118 v. 17).

- was this: To renew the Missouri line of 860 30'; prohibit slavery north | 4. South Carolina State Convention appointed seven delegates to "The
- any State; pay for fugitive slaves rescued after arrest; repeal the inequality of commissioners' fees in the Fugitive Slave Act, and ask the re-

 - -Senator Toombs, of Georgia, made a violent secession speech in the U.S.
 - -Major Anderson's course in evacuating Fort Moultrie sustained by the House of Representatives. —State Convention of Florida passed a secession ordinance (62 v. 7). 8. Jacob Thompson, U. S. Sec. of the Interior, resigned after betraying the
 - sailing of the "Star of the West" to reinforce Fort Sumter.

 Forts Caswell and Johnson seized by the State troops of North Carolina.
 - 9. The steamer "Star of the West" arrived off Charleston and was fired upon and driven back to sea by the rebel batteries of Morris Island and Fort
 - State Convention of Mississippi passed an ordinance for immediate secesteamer "Marion," of the New York and Charleston line, seized at Charles-
 - ton by the State authorities. Released on the 11th. 10. State Convention of Florida passed an ordinance of secession (62 v, 7).
 - -Forts St. Philip and Jackson, on the Mississippi, and Fort Pike, on Lake Pontchartrain, together with the U. S. Arsenal at Baton Rouge seized by the State troops of Louisiana.
 - The President transmitted a special message to Congress on the affair; of
- -Election for State Convention in Alabama—result, a majority of upward of 60,000 for secession. A strong Union feeling was manifested in the Philip F. Thomas, of Maryland, appointed Sec. of the U. S. Treasury 11th -Philip F. Thomas, of Maryland, appointed Sec. of the U. S. Treasury 11th Dec., 1860, resigned, and John A. Dix, of N. Y., appointed in his place. Legislature of New York voted to tender the whole military power of the
 - holes in her hull received while in Charleston Harbor.

 -Five representatives from Mississippi (Singleton, Barkesdale, Davis,

 - Sumter would be an act of war. -Ohio House of Representatives (58 v. 31) refused to pass a bill to repeal the
- reat excitement in Charleston on the discovery that Major Anderson had "Act to prevent kidnapping," known as the Personal Liberty Bill. transferred his force to Sumter: troops were ordered out, and aid was 15. Bill for calling a State Convention in Virginia passed by the Legislature in the Senate by a vote of 45 to 1, and in the H. of Reps. unanimously.

 —Secession meeting in New York.
 - 16. The Crittenden Compromise in the U. S. Senate practically voted down by the adoption of Senator Clark's substitute "that the Constitution is good enough and secession ought to be put down."
 Legislature of Arkansas voted to submit the question of a State Convention

 - Col. Hayne, in the name of the Governor of South Carolina, demanded of the President the surrender of Fort Sumter. The President refused to receive him in any official capacity.

 State Convention of Georgia assembled at Milledgeville.
 - 18. Legislature of Massachusetts tendered to the President all the power of
- the Senate Committee of Thirteen report that they have not been able to agree upon any general plan of adjustment, and lay their journal before the Senate.

 -Legislature of Virginia appropriated \$1,000,000 for the defense of the State,
 - of Alabama, and David L. Yulee and Stephen R. Mallory, of Florida, formally withdrew from the U.S. Senate.
- 2. Fort Macon at Beaufort, the works at Wilmington, and the U. S. Arsenal at Fayetteville seized by the authorities of North Carolina.

 22. Sherrard Clemens, of Virginia, made a strong Union speech in Congress.

 —Arms destined for Alabama seized in New York.

worth) withdrew from Congress.

- Hill, also one of the Georgia representatives, refused to go with the others, but formally tendered his resignation. -Mr. Etheridge, of Tennessee, in a speech before Congress, declared secession to be rebellion, and to be put down at any cost
- -Second seizure of arms in New York. —Fort Morgan at the mouth of Mobile Bay and the U. S. Arsenal at Mobile 24. U. S. Arsenal at Augusta, Ga., seized by the State troops.

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL VIEW OF OCEANICA.

Island, of nearly 3,000,000 square miles. These are wholly occupied as possessions and colonies of Great Britain.

3. Australia, like Africa and South America, is but little indented by arms of the ocean, and presents no wide estuaries of rivers. The principal indentations are the Gulf of Carpentaria, a considerable sea, and Cambridge Gulf on the north; Halifax and Moreton bays on the east; Port Philip, the Gulf of St. Vincent, and Spencer Gulf on the south, and Shark Bay, with a few others, on the west coast. Botany Bay and Jervis' Bay are inlets of small size, many of which are met with; and some of these, with the estuaries of the large rivers, afford tolerable shelter. On the whole, however, the coasts are deficient in good harbors.

4. The interior of the island is in a great part desert; but beyond the settlements comparatively little is known of its topography. A succession of mountain ranges stretches New Zealand 84° 24′ to 47° 82′ .. 166° 12′ to 178° 80′ ... 95,500 ... 129,477 1.86 Auckland . 8,000° along and from 30 to 100 miles distant from the east and south-east coasts. The Australian Alps or Warragong Mountains belong to this chain, and are constantly covered with snow. The resemblance of the geological formations of these mountains to those of the Ural led Sir R. J. Murchison, in 1845, to foretell the existence of gold in the Australian cordillera, and in 1851 extensive diggings were discovered in Bathurst and Wellington districts in New South Wales, and since that time gold has been found in various and wide-spread localities vice

in the colony of Victoria, which in productiveness exceed the California gold region. 5. The principal mineral products besides gold are granite, sandstone, limestone, coal, and slates; and rich ores of copper and argentiferous lead have been discovered in the south and

south-east. Both the bituminous and anthracite coals are found in New South Wales. 6. The only river system of the interior fully explored is that of the Murray, which is swelled by the Darling, Castlereagh, Peel, Macquarrie, Bogan, Lachlan, and Murrumbidgee rivers, its basin being known to extend through at least ten degrees of latitude and thirteen degrees of longitude. Other principal rivers are the Hunter, Hawkesbury, Shoalhaven debouching on the east; the Blackwood and Glenelg on the south; the Swan and Canning on the west, and the Victoria, Adelaide, Liverpool, and Alligator on the north coast; but few serve to facilitate internal navigation. The principal lakes are those of Victoria and Torrens in South Australia—the latter, which appears to be only a salt marsh in the dry season, has a remarkable serpentine form, but its entire extent has not yet been determined. It has been conjectured that an inland sea occupied a considerable part of the unexplored interior, but hitherto no facts have transpired to confirm this opinion

7. The agricultural capacities of Australia, although so large a part of the whole area is occupied by extensive sandy deserts, are excellent. Elsewhere fine pasture and woodlands are met with; but it is remarkable that the best soils are on the hill-slopes, the lowlands and valleys being commonly sterile except in the north where there is a fine alluvial plain.

8. A third part of the island lies within the torrid and the rest in the south temper. ate zone. The climate is peculiar and subject to great vicissitudes of temperature. The north half of the country being mostly within the tropics and the range of the monsoons, is subject in summer (between November and April) to heavy rains, which, however, are very irregular in their occurrence and last only for a few hours daily. In other parts of Australia years of complete drought occasionally occur, followed by years of flood; but here the hot is also generally the dry season—a circumstance favorable to health. The north-east wind blowing over the sandy deserts of the interior are dry and hot, raising the temperature in New South Wales to 80° and 100° Fahr. On the other hand, the south-east winds are often very cold, and frost sometimes happens in the lowlands even in June.

characteristic are ferns, nettles, and grasses, some of gigantic size; hard timber, gum and who established a settlement there in 1852. The native population in all these is very sparse. resin trees; palms, myrtles, cedars, pines, prickly shrubs, and a multitude of odoriferous plants. But it is remarkable that with one or two exceptions there are no indigenous fruits. Maize, wheat, flax, tobacco, indigo, vines, olives, and in some parts sugar and cotton, are successfully raised; but sheep-farming is the most flourishing branch of pastoral economy and it is principally as a wool-growing country that Australia is rising into commercial importance. Queensland promises well as a cotton-growing country.

forty-six, including the kangaroo, wombat, and other pouched animals, are peculiar to Australia visible into three distinct classes: the mountainous, the hilly, and the low coralline.

in other parts of the globe. tribes; and although not deficient in intellect, are in their habits among the lowest in the scale of humanity—many of the tribes going naked, practicing cannibalism, and having —as in the Hawaiian group—volcanic action is still rife. scarcely any notion of a Deity or of social arts and order. Their numbers in and near the 3. The islands of the second class are hilly rather than mountainous, being generally from European settlements are not supposed to exceed many thousands, and probably there are 100 to 500 feet high. They are equally beautiful in appearance and luxuriance of foliage not more than 200,000 on the whole island. The immigrant population is almost exclusively | with the first class, but are less sublime and romantic. The rocks consist of crystalline car-

12. Tasmania or Van Diemen's Land is an island off the south-east coast of Australia, 4. The third class embraces the low coralline islands, most of which rise only a few feet generally similar.

and twelve degrees of longitude. These are named respectively New Ulster or North, New | shore. The inclosed waters are deep and tranquil. 1770) belong politically to the New Zealand government.

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		Posit	ion, extent,	and popu	lation, etc.	

Colonies,	Latitude S.	Longitude E.	sq. miles. Population.	sq. m. Capitals.	Populs.
New South Wales	28° 06' to 87° 32'	141° 00′ to 154° 03′	856,500 850,558	0.98 Sydney	56,47€
Queensland	10° 33' to 29° 40'	141° 00' to 153° 50'	450,000 8.,115	0.07 Brisbane	625
Victoria	84° 12′ to 89° 15′	141° 00' to 149° 55'	87,000 544,677	6 26Melbourne	109,817
South Australia	26° 00' to 38° 80'	129° 00' to 141° 00'	898,800 117,967	0.29 Adelaide	81,208
West Australia	13° 80' to 34° 45'	118° 20' to 129° 00'	1,000,000 14.828	0.01 Perth	8,000
North Australia	11° 30' to 26° 00'	129° 00′ to 141° 00′	700,000		-
Australia	10° 83′ to 89° 15′	118° 20' to 154° 08'	2,992,8001,058,185	0.85	
Tasmania	40° 48' to 48° 87'	144° 89′ to 148° 22′	22,500 81,492		

10%

Total 10° 33′ to 47° 82′.. 113° 20′ to 178° 30′....8,110,800... 1,269,104.... 0.48 Acreage of land and crops produced.

	Land	under Crop,	_	Crops in Bu	shels,		Potatoes,	Hay,
Colonies.		acres.	Wheat.	Maize.	Barley.	Oats.	fous,	tons.
w South Wales		247,543	1,565,532	1,602,630	63,411	90,218	20,587	160,874
toria th Australia st Australia		861,884	2,103,411	*****	174,496	2,553,687 71,056 10,401	4,861	55,210
Australia mania w Zealand		140,636	1,061,517	*****	151,920	918,881	41,498	23,843
Total	1,	215,830	7,562,757	1,627,655	564,7088	3,950,485	145,978	416,485

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Colonies.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine,	Goats.
New South Wales	. 214,684	2,190,976	5,162,671	119,701	
Queensland	. 28,014	425 896	8,285,784	7,115	
Victoria	. 69,288	683,584	5,794,127	50,965	
South Australia	. 40,471	462,918	3,979,271	43,278	6,519
West Australia	. 8,386	80,990	284,815	11,430	
Australia	855,848	8,794,814	18,456,618	232,484	8,804
Tasmania	. 20,559	79,950	1,697,199	82,008	2,819
New Zealand	. 14,912	137,204	1,528,824	40,784	11,797
Total	. 391,314	4,011,463	21,677,141	805,226	28,426

	Co	mmerciai e	ina reven	ue returns.			
	Principal Exports.			Total Value	Total Value	Revenue.	
Colonies.	Wool, pounds.	Gold, oz. troy.	Copper,	of Exports,	of Imports.	Receipts, Exp	enditures.
New South Wales	17,261,859	55,850	12,320	4,768,049	6,597,053	1,502,669	1,858,167
Queensland	1,782,475			609,794	521,695	160,000	160,000
Victoria	21,660,295	2,280,950	97,019	18,867,860	15,622,891	8,257,724	2,754,744
South Australia	10,328,122		897,799	1,655,876	1,507,494	511,927	680,756
West Australia	594,665		14,122	93,085	126,815	48,505	54,919
Australia	51,626,916	2,336,300	521,260	20,994,664	24,875,948	5,480,825	6,958,586
Tasmania	6,107,903	697	-	1,198,898	1,168,907	429,425	422,581
New Zealand	5,096,751	7,386	2,605	551,484	1,551,080	459,649	459,649
Total	89 991 570	9 244 222	599 965	22 740 046	97 000 885	£ 980 000	7 040 000

15. The islands not yet appropriated by any European powers are Papua or New Guinea and the chain of islands including the Admiralty, New Ireland, New Britain, etc., lying to 9. Of 5,710 plants discovered in Australia, 5,440 are peculiar to the island. The most the north-east and east. New Caledonia, farther south, has been appropriated by the French.

POLYNESIA.

1. POLYNESIA comprises those countless islands, in groups or solitary, that lie in the Pacific Ocean to the eastward of Australasia, and extend to within a few degrees of the west-10. The indigenous quadrupeds hitherto discovered comprise fifty-eight species, of which ern coast of America. They form the eastern division of Oceanica. These islands are di-

and the adjacent islands. The singular ornithorynchus is an animal found only in Australia; | 2. The mountainous islands are, with few exceptions, truly splendid, the mountains rising and it may be remarked that in many particulars nature here assumes a form unparalleled gradually from their bases till their summits are lost in the clouds, and some of them are broken into a thousand fantastic shapes and have their sides clothed with forests and bright 11. The native Australians are viewed by many as a distinct variety of the human race; and varied verdure. The bases of these mountains are bordered by fertile and luxuriant valand certainly their numerous dialects have no discovered affinity with any other language. leys adorned with stately bread-fruit trees and many other tropical productions, some of Their skin is of an earthy black, hair straight, head low and full, nose broad, lips thick, which are of gigantic growth and the richest foliage—the plumes of the cocoa-nut tree overframe slight and more adapted to feats of agility than of strength. They live in roving topping the whole. The mountains in the islands of this class rise from 2,000 to 10,000 feet,

bonate of lime.

from which it is separated by Bass' Strait. The surface is greatly diversified and generally above the sea-level. They are generally small, and the soil upon them in many places thin, mountainous. The principal rivers are the Derwent and Jordan flowing south-east, and the so that there is little vegetation besides the cocoa-nut trees, pandanus, some stunted hibis-Tamar disemboguing on the north. The coasts are greatly indented and offer numerous good cuses, with a few other trees of dwarfish growth and a quantity of brushwood. The Friendly harbors. The climate is more equable than in Australia, but its product and animals are Islands, however, may be considered an exception—the soil in them being much deeper, and every production of the first and second class is found in profusion. All the Society Islands, 13. New Zealand consists of three—two large and one small—islands, situated in the and also many others, are surrounded each by a belt of coral rock from two or three to twenty Pacific Ocean south-east of Australia and extending through thirteen degrees of latitude yards in width, and situated at distances varying from a few yards to two miles from the

Munster or Middle, and New Leinster or South, and together contain 95,500 square 5. The principal groups or islands of Polynesia are—north of the equator, the Bonia, miles. They are of volcanic origin and very mountainous, thickly covered with wood, Ladrone, Caroline, Marshall, Gilbert, Hawaiian, etc.; and—south of the equator, the Fiji, and enjoy a moderate humid climate. The soils are extremely fertile and produce most of Friendly, Navigator, Kermadec, Cook, Society, Low, Austral, Marquesas, etc. There are the European agricultural staples in perfection. The Chatham Islands (lat. 440 and long. also immense numbers of smaller groups and single islands scattered over the whole bosons of the ocean.

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