

CHAP. XVII.

Of the Provinces of Paraguay, or the River of Plate, including Guayra, Paraguay properly so call'd, Tucuman, Parana, Urvaiga, and Rio de la Plata.



THESE Provinces, frequently call'd by the general Name of *Paraguay*, are of a vast Extent, as reaching about 500 Leagues from North to South, and near 600 from East to West in the largest Part, but much less in others, for they slope off both Northward and Southward, yet so, that they are at least 200 Leagues over in the narrowest Place. The Limits of them to the North lie along the yet undiscover'd Midland Nations, almost at 12 Degrees of South Latitude, about the Springs of the River of the same Name; those on the South lie about 33 Degrees of the same Latitude, on the PART II.

unconquer'd *Magellanick Land*. Westward they border upon *Peru* and *Chile*, in about 304 Degrees of Longitude, and Eastward they lie along the Ocean as far as 377 Degrees of Longitude.

Besides the large Provinces contain'd in this immense Tract of Land, a vast Multitude of *Indian* petty Nations may be reckon'd to inhabit it, of which we shall have Occasion to speak in the particular Parts. The Manners and Customs of those several People must therefore be refer'd to the same Places, to avoid Repetitions of the same Things, or giving an imperfect Account of Countries

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