

Amazons, Guiana and Canada, to be the new lands, in comparison with Peru, Terra Firma, the islands in the gulph of Mexico, of Florida, of the Mississippi, and of Mexico.

To these observations we may add two very remarkable facts, the old and new continent are almost opposite to each other; the old is more extensive to the north of the equator than the south: the new is more to the south than the north. The centre of the old continent is in the 16th or 18th degree of north latitude, and the centre of the new is in the 16th or 18th degree south latitude, so that they seem to be made to counterbalance each other. There is also a singular connection between the two continents, although it appears to be more accidental than those which I have spoken of, which is, that the two continents would be each divided into two parts, and all four surrounded by the sea on every side, were it not for the isthmus of Suez and Panama.

This is the most general idea which an attentive inspection of the globe furnishes us with, on the division of the earth. We shall abstain from forming hypotheses on it, and hazarding reasonings, which might lead to false conclusions; but no one having as yet considered