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## PREFACE.

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To meet the growing demand for information concerning the Territory of Arizona, the Legislature, at the session of 1880-81, authorized the publication of this pamphlet. In the following pages the author has endeavored to present this information in such a compact and concise form as would more fully meet the many inquiries of people desirous of coming to the Territory, and at the same time convey to the general public a comprehensive idea of the country, and its vast and varied resources. The facts presented have been gained by personal observation, during a residence of several years in the Territory, and it is believed they constitute a full and impartial description of Arizona as it is to-day—its mineral, pastoral, and agricultural resources, towns, and settlements, with a glance at its past history and a few words regarding its future prospects. This being a publication authorized by the representatives of the people and paid for out of the public treasury, having no private scheme to advance, or no private interest to foster, the exact truth has been sought and the statements can be considered reliable. No portion of the Territory has been overlooked and no material interest has been neglected. While not claiming for this compilation exemption from all errors or mistakes, it is believed that such only will be found as are inseparable from a work of this nature. For valuable assistance in the collection of the data herein contained, the author is indebted to many gentlemen throughout the Territory, and takes this method of tendering his sincere thanks to one and all. With the hope that the publication may, in some measure, meet the want for authentic and reliable information about the "coming country," and help to convey to the outside world some adequate idea of Arizona and its grand resources, it is left with the reader to say how well the task has been performed.

PATRICK HAMILTON,  
Commissioner.



## AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION OF THE RESOURCES  
OF ARIZONA TERRITORY.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of  
Arizona:*

SECTION 1. That Patrick Hamilton is hereby constituted and appointed a Commissioner to prepare, and cause to be published, reliable information upon the mineral, pastoral, agricultural, and other resources of the Territory; also, the cost and facilities of coming to the Territory, and such other general information as he may consider of value to capitalists desirous of investing in our mines, or to persons who may wish to immigrate to the Territory.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said Commissioner to collect and prepare the information aforesaid by January 1, 1882, and he is hereby authorized to contract for the publication of ten thousand copies, in pamphlet form, upon the most reasonable terms that the work can be done, provided that the cost of such publication shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500).

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said Commissioner to distribute said pamphlets in the cities and railroad centers of the Eastern States, and on the Pacific coast, in such a manner as will give them the widest and most useful circulation, and he shall furnish thirty copies to each member of the Eleventh Legislative Assembly.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Territorial Auditor, upon the completion of said publication, to examine the same, and if found in accordance with the provisions of this act, he shall give the said Commissioner a certificate, setting forth that the work has been performed according to law.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of said Commissioner to keep a correct account of the number of copies of said publication distributed by him, and to whom, and such other information in connection therewith, as he may deem of interest, and to make a full report of the same to the Governor of the Territory on or before January 1, 1883, and the Governor shall transmit a copy of said report to the next Legislative Assembly.

SEC. 6. Said Commissioner shall receive as compensation, for the collection, preparation, and distribution of such information the sum of two thousand dollars.

SEC. 7. Upon the completion of said publication, the Commissioner shall certify to the Territorial Auditor the amount due

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for said work and to whom; and the Territorial Auditor shall draw his warrant for the amount in favor of the person to whom the same is due, as shall appear by the certificate of said Commissioner; and the Territorial Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said warrant out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

J. F. KNAPP,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MURAT MASTERSON,  
President of the Council.

Clause 12 of the Appropriation Act, passed subsequent to the foregoing, enacts as follows:

*Twelfth.* The sum of four thousand five hundred (\$4,500) dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the Commissioner selected to compile, publish, and distribute the pamphlet on the "Resources of Arizona Territory," and the Territorial Auditor is hereby directed to draw his warrant on the Territorial Treasurer for the above amount, in favor of the Commissioner named in the act, and the Territorial Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said sum to said Commissioner out of any moneys in the Territorial Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in the manner provided for by the provision of said act.

# THE RESOURCES OF ARIZONA.

## HISTORICAL.

The region now embraced within the territory of Arizona, was first penetrated by Europeans nearly three hundred and fifty years ago. A quarter of a century before the founding of San Augustine, and long before Puritan or Cavalier had established themselves at Plymouth Rock or Jamestown, Spanish adventurers had explored the wilds of Arizona and New Mexico. Alvar Nunez de Vaca, one of the followers of Pamphilo de Narveaz, in his disastrous expedition to the coast of Florida, in 1538, being left by his commander, with four companions, on the desolate shore, resolved to penetrate the great unknown wilderness to the westward and join their countrymen in Mexico. Without compass or provisions, they struck across the continent, discovered and crossed the Mississippi two years before De Soto stood upon its banks and found a burial place beneath its turbid waters. They traversed the great plains of the West, entered New Mexico, visited the pueblo towns, passed through the country of the Moquis, and, after many hardships and privations, joined their countrymen at Culiacan, in Sinaloa. They gave glowing accounts of the country through which they passed, and their description of the "Seven Cities of Cibola," the Moquis towns, excited the spirit of adventure and cupidity among the Spanish conquerers, and fired the zealous ardor of the missionaries. Padre Marco de Niza, under the patronage of the Viceroy Mendoza, set out from Culiacan in 1539, accompanied by a single companion, in search of the fabulous "Seven Cities." They passed through the Papagueña and the country of the Pimas, by the valley of the Santa Cruz and into the country of the friendly Yavapais, and at last came in sight of the goal of their arduous quest. Father de Niza sent his companion ahead, with some Indians, who had accompanied them from the Gila. The Moquis massacred the whole party. Father de Niza did not enter the city. He set up the cross, named the country the New Kingdom of San Francisco, and returned to Culiacan.

The public mind in New Spain was greatly excited by the news which the good father brought on his return. The thirst