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*This rather grotesque Ceremony cost the Colony several bottles of Rum.*

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## THE ADVENTURES OF A FRENCH CAPTAIN

Were related to us by the hero of the tale himself, on the occasion of his last visit to Paris. The interest we felt in them led us to hope that they would prove equally interesting to our young readers, and therefore we have worded them, as nearly as possible, in the Captain's own language.

In order to render the tale more intelligible and more useful, we have thought it well to preface it by a short topographical and geological notice of Texas.



## INTRODUCTION.

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TEXAS\* is bounded on the north by New Mexico, Indian Territory, and Arkansas, on the east by Arkansas and Louisiana, on the west and south by Mexico, and on the south-east by the Gulf of Mexico. The Red River is its northern boundary, the Sabine its eastern, and the Rio Grande its western limits. Its shape is very irregular, but its extreme length from south-east to north-west is more than 800 miles, and its greatest breadth from east to west about 750 miles, including an area of 237,504 square miles.

This country, inclining to the south-east, is divided into three distinct zones or regions: that of the *mountains*, that of the *prairies*, and that of the *plains*. The mountainous zone covers the north-western part of the State, and

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\* It was once known as *Fredonia*, but its Indian name of Texas superseded the other.