

EXPLANATION OF MAP No. II.

CONNECTICUT SURVEYS.

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The Delaware Company's Indian purchases comprised the land west from the Delaware river to the line within ten miles of the Susquehanna.

The Susquehanna Company's Indian purchase at Albany, (1754) extended from the line ten miles east of the river, one hundred and twenty miles west, and included the chief parts of M'Kean and Elk counties.

Ranges of towns, west of our map, were granted and surveyed (some as late as 1805) embracing more than a million of acres; the most western on the State line being in M'Kean county, (as will be found indicated in Map No. I.) But we have deemed it useful to give place only to those wherein, or in the neighbourhood of which, the New England people commenced settlements.

Albany, on the Wyalusing, was a grant to Gen. Ethan Allen of Vermont, of several thousand acres, for his expected aid in the grand scheme of treason and rebellion, as it was designated by one party, and of just resistance to unendurable oppression, as it was regarded by the other, in 1757. It is supposed he derived no value from the grant.

The square townships in the Delaware purchase contain 36,000 acres. Those in the Susquehanna purchase, being five miles square, contain 16,000 acres.

Barnum, on the Lackawanna, shows the compact part of the "Lackawanna" settlement, and was the birthplace of the Hon. Geo. W. Woodward.

The mark in Usher (lot No. 39), three miles west from Mont-Rose, designates the place of the Author's bark cabin, where, in the spring of 1799, then a lad of nineteen, assisted by Mr. John Chase (the pleasant bar-keeper at Wilson's Hotel, Harrisburg,) he commenced a clearing.

The mark further west in Usher shows the boyhood residence, in 1800, of the Hon. Andrew Beaumont.

The designation of "Barnum," at Lowville, in the town of Cunningham, shows the log-cabin tavern (1800) of that prince of Hotel keepers, afterwards of Baltimore.

The triangle marked "Hyde," west of Usher, indicates the head-quarters of Col. Ezekiel Hyde, Yankee leader in the Delaware purchase in 1800. Also the store of Enoch Reynolds, Esq., (in 1792), afterwards at the head of one of the Bureaus in the Treasury Department, at Washington, for many years; and since, till his decease, the residence of Judge Jabez Hyde.

To avoid embarrassing the map by the insertion of too many names, letters are placed in Wilkesbarre, Exeter, and Pittston, as points of reference, and their explanation is made here. A, Fort Durkee; B, Fort Wyeand; C, Fort Ogden; D, Wintermoot's Fort; E, Jenkins's Fort; F, three Pittston Forts; G, Monocacy Island.

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