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Chief Towns.] HALIFAX is the capital of Nova-
Scotia, and stands on Chebucto Bay. It has a good
harbour, sufficiently large and safe to shelter a squadron
of ships through the winter. ANNAPOLIS stands on
the east side of the Bay of Fundy, and has one of the
finest harbours in the world. ST. JOHN'S is a new set-
tlement at the mouth of the river of the same name.
Since the conclusion of the war, there have been large
emigrations of the refugees from the United States to
this province. They have built several new towns, the
largest of which is SHELBURNE, which once contained
9000 inhabitants, but has lately decreased.

History and Government.] Notwithstanding the forbidding aspect of this country, it was here that some of the first European settlements were made. The first grant of land in it, was made by James I. to his secretary William Alexander, who named it Nova-Scotia, or New-Scotland.—Since that time it has frequently changed from one private proprietor to another, and repeatedly from the French to the English. At the peace of Utrecht it was confirmed to the English, under whose government it has ever since continued.

SPANISH AMERICA.

EAST AND WEST-FLORIDA.

Length ^{miles.} 600 } between { 25° and 31° North Latitude.
Breadth 130 } { 5° and 17° W. Long. from Phila.

BOUNDED north, by Georgia ; east, by the Atlantick ocean ; south, by the Gulph of Mexico ; West, by the Mississippi ; lying in the form of an L.

Rivers.] St. John's and Indian rivers, which empty into the Atlantick ocean ; Seguana, Apalachicola, Chatahatchi, Escambia, Mobile, Pascagoula and Pearl rivers, all of which rise in Georgia, and run southerly into the Gulf of Mexico.

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