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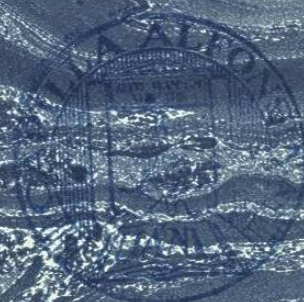
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CHAPTER I.

Boundaries and extent—explored and unexplored regions—natural divisions—eastern or wooded region—its extent—surface—soil and productions—settlements, towns and rivers—middle or wood and prairie region—its extent and area—general aspect of the country, as presented to the traveller—character of the soil—its present productions and promise of future—climate—its promise of health—the causes—water—bays—navigable rivers and water courses—facilities of intercourse and transportation—settlements and towns—inhabitants—their number—origin and character.

THE territory claimed by the present government of Texas, is bounded north and east by the United States, south by the gulf of Mexico, and west by the river Bravo del Norte, which separates it from Mexico; lying between 25° and 39° north latitude, and 95° and 107° west longitude; being in its greatest length from north to south, on its western boundary, following the course of the river, more than fifteen hundred miles; and in its greatest breadth from the northeastern boundary, on the Red river due west to the Bravo del Norte, more than seven hundred miles. Its area, however, is probably something less than 400,000 square miles. Its boundaries are, for the most part, natural, and for the rest easily defined; the southern being entirely upon the waters of the gulf, the western nearly so, upon those of the river