STATISTICS

EXHIBITING

THE HISTORY, CLIMATE AND PRODUCTIONS

OF THE

STATE OF WISCONSIN.

The undersigned, appointed by a law of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin, for the encouragement of immigration from the older states of the union and from foreign countries, present the following facts regarding the topography and resources of the state, derived from official and other authentic sources.

WHAT AND WHERE IS WISCONSIN?

Wisconsin is one of the northwestern states of the American union, situated between lat. 42 deg. 30 min. and 47 deg. north of equator, and long. 87 deg. 30 min. and 92 deg. 30 min. west of Greenwich, near London, England. For its northern border, Wisconsin has the largest body of fresh water in the World, Lake Superior; Lake Michigan, a body of fresh water, almost equal in size, forms its eastern border, and the Mississippi river, the largest river in the World, but one, flows on its western boundary. The state of Michigan lies on the east, Illinois on the south, and Iowa and Minnesota on the west of Wisconsin. It has an average length of about 260 miles, breadth 215 miles, and an area of 56,000 square miles. Deducting from this the surface occupied by lakes, rivers, &c., there remains 53,924 square miles or 34,511,360 acres of land. Madison is the capital of the state, and Milwaukee the chief commercial city.