

CROSSING THE OCEANS

There were many ideas and speculations regarding the origins of the American Indians among the citizens of the Republic. Books had been published in both Europe and America giving views of their authors on where the Natives (ancestors and present) originated.

One newspaper article is of interest, "From the Litchfield Con Eagle Jan 22," *Palmyra Herald and Canal Advertiser* (Palmyra, New York) Vol. 2, No. 49, February 19, 1823, page 2. This article was a reprint from the *American Eagle* (Litchfield, Connecticut), January 22, 1823. It was also reprinted in the *American Repertory & Advertiser* (Burlington, Vermont) Vol. 2, No. 20, February 11, 1823, page 2.

The following excerpt is from the *Palmyra Herald and Canal Advertiser* of February 19, 1823:

The first settlers of North America were probably the Asiatics, the descendants of Shem — Europe was settled by the children of Japheth. The Asiatics, at an early period, might easily have crossed the Pacific Ocean, and made settlements in North America. The South American Indians probably were the first inhabitants of North America. The descendants of Japheth might afterwards cross the Atlantic, and subjugate the Asiatics, or drive them to South America.