



Talleyrand offered to sell them the whole Louisiana Territory, which was larger than the entire U.S.

The price of \$15 million was a bargain (roughly 3 cents an acre). In October 1803, the **LOUISIANA PURCHASE** extended the borders of the U.S. to the Rocky Mountains (despite its questionable constitutionality).



## LEWIS and CLARK

Congress chose Captain Meriwether Lewis and Lieutenant William Clark to lead an exploration of the West. Their group of about 50 men—the **"CORPS OF DISCOVERY"**—set out to map the new land. In May of 1804, the **LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION** left St. Louis and followed the Missouri River. By winter, they had reached modern-day North Dakota.

### CORPS

a group of people acting together under a common direction (the P and the S are silent)