

gether at one table, except amongst a few of the wealthier sort.]

The original inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, as well as the other provinces of America, were Indians, and there are now several tribes of them dispersed about the country. Each tribe has a sort of King or Chief, with other inferior Officers. They have no settled place of abode, but ramble about in the woods, and support themselves by hunting or fishing: Wherever they kill a moutse-deer or carroboe, they fix their tent, or as they call it a wigwam, and continue as long as they can find any game near the place. After which they remove their quarters in quest of fresh game. They are very expert in hunting, and excellent marksmen with the gun, and spare no kind of wild beasts or fowl they meet with. They are a friendly, harmless, well-behaved people, and are ready to do any little service for you they can, such as assisting you in the crossing a river, directing you on the road, &c but they cannot by any means be prevailed on to assist in any sort of labour. They are stout and active, well made, of a yellow complexion; their face and nose are broad, their eyes usually black, and their teeth remarkably white and have long black hair: They rub their bodies with bears grease to prevent the muschetoes from biting them. They for the most part wear a piece of cloth, generally blue, something resembling a wide riding-coat, with a kind of sleeves, but have neither buttons or button-holes: This they tie round them with a piece of the skin of some animal or the root of a tree. In general they wear neither breeches, stockings, or shoes; some indeed, wrap a piece of blue cloth round their legs, and others wear a kind of shoes made of moutse-deer's skin, which they call moggifons. They seem mightily fond of