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As to their Burial, the Manner of it confirms what I have already said, their Belief of an Immortality. The Corps is dressed in the best Apparel belonging to the Person deceas'd, and carried generally in a few Hours after the Death, upon a Blanket, or beaver Coat, by two of the Relations or Friends to the Place of Interment; there are also carried his Kettle, Hatchet, Knife, Gun, and whatever else was valuable or useful to the deceased; and they are deposited in the Grave together with the Corps.

It was a Folly amongst almost all Nations to bury in the Tomb with the Corps, (especially if they were Princes or People of Distinction,) or if the Body was burnt, then to burn with it Things of Value, Gold, rich Offerings of their Friends, in a Word, whatever was most esteemable to them when alive, even their Slaves and their Wives, as if they would be serviceable to them, and accompany them after their Death. This Custom was also in Practice amongst the *Lacedæmonians*, of burying with the dead valuable Goods, until the Time of *Lycurgus*, who made a Law to the contrary.

The Graves are dug not long, but round like a Well: The Corps is placed in the Ground after the Manner of a Person sitting; the Legs and Thighs bent together, the Hands placed before the knees, and the Head resting upon the
Knees