

for doors to which, they make use of a circular hole, just large enough to pass through*. The floors of these huts are perfectly smooth and clean, with a square hole, two feet deep, in the centre, in which they make their fire, and round which they are continually warming themselves in cold weather. Such habitations also secure them, when not employed out of doors, from the wind and noxious animals. This similarity of hut or house, to those of the natives in higher latitudes, and further west, is another argument of the north-western coast of America being originally peopled from the eastern coast of Asia.

This tribe of Indians is governed by a ruler, who directs where they shall hunt and fish for what the community stands in need of; and it seems that the authority of this ruler, is confined to a particular village of these habitations; together with such a district of country, as may be supposed to belong to the inhabitants of such a community; who sometimes are at war with the villages.

They are very early taught the use of a bow; for, says this author, we observed an infant, who could scarcely be a year old, shooting arrows from a bow, proportioned to size, and strength; and, who hit the hand at two or three yards distance, if held up for a mark.

* Similar, we apprehend, to Kamtschatka dwellings.