

is admissible to office in the General Government, that is duly qualified in other respects. No evil hath yet arisen from this universal toleration and equality. On the contrary they have exhibited to the world an incontestable proof that civil government may be supported, without the aid of an established church. Religious rancour, the general consequence of religious disputes, is hardly known in these regions of universal toleration. No man reckons himself bound to extirpate the weeds from his neighbour's garden. All that is noxious of this kind is left to God, the "GOOD HUSBANDMAN," to destroy, when and how to his infinite wisdom it shall seem most meet.—Of the various religious societies, scattered through these extensive territories, the Presbyterians and Congregationalists are perhaps the most numerous. There are many large congregations of Episcopalians, Friends, Baptists; but the Methodists are the most growing sect; because perhaps their preachers are the most zealous labourers.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARACTER, MANNERS, AND CUSTOMS OF SEVERAL TRIBES OF INDIANS ON THE NORTH-WESTERN COAST OF AMERICA.

*Of the Slave and Dog-ribbed, and Beaver Indians.*

THESE people are ugly, meagre, and an ill-formed race, particularly about the legs, which by their habitually almost roasting themselves by the fire, are generally covered with scabs. Many of them appear to be in an unhealthy state, owing probably to their natural filthiness. They are of moderate stature, and of a fairer complexion than the generality of Indians who are natives of warmer climates.

The men have two double lines, either black or blue, tattooed upon each cheek, from the ear to the nose.