

American natives ; while the southern Indian females are remarkable for the dissoluteness and indecency of their manners. In fact, they are so far from laying any restraints on the appetites and passions, that they indulge themselves in all the grossness of sensuality, and even of incestuous debauchery. No accomplishments whatever, in man, can conciliate their affections, or preserve their chastity,

But though the northern Indian women are incomparably the most virtuous, it is no unusual thing for their husbands to exchange beds with each other for a night. This, however, brings no disgrace ; but, on the contrary, is considered as the strongest cement of friendship between families ; and in each case of the death of either of the men, the other thinks himself bound to support the children of the deceased, and is never known to swerve from the duty of a parent. Thus we see how nearly virtues and vices are allied.