

Americans; but to whom was this
 owing? did not those people receive
 the Spaniards who first came amongst
 them, with gentleness and humanity?
 did they not shew more joy, in pro-
 portion, in lavishing treasure upon
 them, than the Spaniards did greediness
 in receiving it?——but our avarice
 was not yet satisfied——tho' they
 gave up to us their land and their
 riches, we would take from them their
 wives, their children, and their liberty.
 ——To blacken these unhappy people,
 their enemies assert, that they are
 scarce human creatures——but it is
 we ought to blush for having been
 less men, and more barbarous than
 they.——They are represented as a
 stupid people, addicted to vice;——
 but have they not contracted most of
 their vices from the examples of Christians?
 And as to those vices peculiar to
 themselves, have not the Christians
 quickly exceeded them therein? Nevertheless
 it must be granted, that the Indians
 still remain untainted with many
 vices, usual amongst the Europeans;
 such as ambition, blasphemy, treachery,
 and many like monsters, which have
 not yet took place with them;

Amen