

" 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