

comes to this River, the Water tastes bitter to him, ^{June} and when he is transported across the River, it ^{1747.} is into a rocky barren Country, interchangeable Weather, from one Day excessive hot and abounding with Musketoes, changing to another Day intensely cold, with excessive Frost and drifting Snow; always hungry, Deer to be seen, and also Fowl, but not to be come at; his Wives and Family a continual Plague to him, and he never dies.

The imperfect Notions the *Indians* have of the Deity, and their having no Idea of an immaterial World, hath led them like all others amongst the Ancients, to give their Description of a future State, by that of the visible material one, they enjoy here. *Orpheus*, who wandered on the Mountains of *Thrace*, where there was at Times, Plenty of Rain and Wind, of Snow and Hail, and excessive Cold; gives an opposite Character to the Place of their Futurity, or where the Gods inhabit. *Homer* gives a Description of his Heaven after the same Manner. The being transported over the River in a Canoe, hath an Analogy with the River *Styx*, and *Charon's* Boat.

The *Indians* are inclinable to War; if there is a bad Season of hunting in the Winter, or if any one of their People is missing, or that they have a Sicknefs amongst them, they must prepare in Spring to go and seek out the *Eskemaux*, and make a Carnage of them; for they attribute