

which the yellow fever has made the greatest ravages. In 1793 it broke out and affected more than three hundred persons, the greater part of whom were destroyed by it. It again appeared in 1798 and 1799, but accompanied with less terrible symptoms. Although the government have adopted every possible means to prevent intercourse with countries infected by it, it again appeared in 1802, attended by the same fatal consequences.

CHAP. IV.

QUAKERS, METHODISTS, ANABAPTISTS, MORAVIAN BRETHREN—WILMINGTON.—VISIT TO A MAN IN SAN E THROUGH LOVE.—BAY OF CHESAPEAK.—BALTIMORE.—FEDERAL CITY.—GEORGE-TOWN.—CONGRESS.—MOUNT VERNON. BETHLEHEM.

AS I have before observed, every mode of worship in Europe is exercised at Philadelphia. It would be contrary to my plan to speak of each in particular. Every one is acquainted with the principles of the Protestants, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and others, all the offspring of one common mother, whose separation has caused much bloodshed and sorrow. I shall confine myself to the Quakers, Methodists, Anabaptists, and Moravian brethren.

The Quakers are more numerous in Pennsylvania, of which they were the original inhabitants. Mr. Penn, who has given his name to this province, was a zealous partizan of this sect, to which he granted particular privileges. The ridicule which has been constantly attached to them can only exist with those, who, observing the exterior, despise every thing which disagrees with received customs.

The Quakers have no churches; they assemble in a building called a Meeting, in which there are no ornaments, and no places appointed for particular individuals; the women only are separated from the men. The men wear their hats, sit down, and remain in meditation, until one of the society, feeling himself inspired, begins to discourse on some part of christian morality. Men, women, and children, are permitted to communicate their sentiments, and are attended to without disapprobation. Like the other sects, they have adopted Sunday for their meetings. They are always plainly clothed, and wear covered buttons, but never follow the fashion, except for some real advantage. Their hats are large, and only taken off when troublesome. The women generally wear dark colours; during winter they cover themselves with a grey or black cloak, which reaches to their feet. The Quakers are supposed to excel the other sects in industry and wealth; they support their own poor; have private hospitals for