

good auspices, they have, from time to time, actually become.

The first reception of Europeans in America was kind beyond hope. The first adventurers were almost worshipped as angels and deities. Wherever a contrary disposition prevailed towards us, it may uniformly be traced to violences which we committed. From the St. Lawrence to Virginia, settlers and traders were constantly increasing during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; and the contemporary memoirs, *compiled by ourselves*, abound in statements advantageous to the character of the natives, and deeply disgraceful to us. It is also the interesting testimony of a Moravian\*, who lived thirty years among them, that a mournful subject of their traditions, which he has heard repeatedly during their long winters, is the hard returns they have ever received for their most unbounded kindness. The just revolution in public feeling produced in the United States of America, and elsewhere, by the writings of Heckewelder, Morse, and other recent authors, proving these points, may perhaps justify the opinion, that their exertions will save the Indians who still inhabit the western continent.

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