

But they of this sort of our owne nation, that are fitt to goe to this Canaan, are not able to transport themselves; and most of them unwilling to goe from the good ale tap, which is the very loadstone of the lande by which our English beggers steere their Courſe; it is the Northpole to which the flowre-de-luce of their compasse points. The more is the pitty that the Commonalty of our Land are of ſuch leaden capacities as to neglect ſo brave a Country, that doth ſo plentifully feede maine luſty and a brave, able men, women and children, that have not the meanes that a Civilized Nation hath to purchaſe foode and rayment; which that Country with a little induſtry will yeeld a man in a very comfortable meaſure, without overmuch carking.

I cannot deny but a civilized Nation hath the preheminence of an uncivilized, by meanes of thoſe instruments that are found to be common amongſt civile people, and the uncivile want the uſe of, to make themſelves maſters of thoſe ornaments that make ſuch a glorious ſhew, that will give a man occaſion to cry, *ſic tranſit gloria Mundi.*

Now ſince it is but foode and rayment that men that live needeth, (though not all alike,) why ſhould not the Natives of New England be ſayd to live richly, having no want of either? Cloaths are the badge of ſinne; and the more variety of faſhions is but the greater abuſe of the Creature: the beaſts of the forreſt there doe ſerve to furniſh them at any time when they pleaſe: fiſh and fleſh they have in greate abundance, which they both roaſt and boyle.

They are indeed not ſerved in diſhes of plate with variety of Sauces to procure appetite; that needs not there. The rarity of the aire, begot by the medicinable quality of the ſweete herbes of the Country, always procures good ſtomakes to the inhabitants.

I muſt needs commend them in this particular, that, though they buy many commodities of our Nation, yet they keepe but fewe, and thoſe of ſpeciall uſe.

They love not to bee cumbered with many utenſilles, and although every proprietor knowes his owne, yet all things, (ſo long as they will laſt), are uſed in common amongſt them: A biſket cake given to one, that one breakes it equally into ſo many parts as there be perſons in his company, and diſtributes it. Platoes Commonwealth is ſo much practiſed by theſe people.

According to humane reaſon, guided onely by the light of nature, theſe people leades the more happy and freer life, being