

not so, to direct them in the Means properest to <sup>Novemb.</sup> attain their necessary Ends, such as proper Food and Cloathing, and the other Necessaries of Life; and after that they had found by Experience those which were best, would pursue. And I believe this will be found the same upon Inquiry, amongst all People called Barbarous People, not only with Respect to the *Indians* I am treating of, that those People who are otherwise circumstanced do not act more reasonably in their Affairs than what the barbarous People do in theirs. And as this Case of Community appears contradictory to the Way of Life these *Indians* are in, we may judge it was equally the same with those People, in the earliest Times, who were circumstanced like them.

The young Women are intirely, in Respect of Marriage, directed by their Parents; they shew no Inclination or Forwardness to Marriage, or any particular Regard to any young *Indian*. Parents will often agree for the Marriage of their Children, before one of them shall be born, conditionally; that if it is a Girl your Wife is with Child with, my Son shall marry her. Afterwards if a Girl is born, he who hath the Son will take the Girl Home, and maintain her until she is marriageable. Others contract for the Marriage of the Daughter not eight or ten Years old, and the intended Husband will take her to his Tent, and keep her until such Time as she is grown up.

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