

less, they rarely deviate from certain
 maxims and usages founded on good
 sense alone, which holds the place of
 law, and supplies in some sort, the
 want of legal authority.* Reason
 alone is capable of retaining them in a
 kind of subordination; not the less
 effectual, towards the end proposed,
 for being entirely voluntary. They
 manifest much stability in the engage-
 ments they have solemnly entered up-
 on; patient in affliction, as well as in
 their submission to what they appre-
 hend to be the appointment of Provi-
 dence; in all which they manifest a
 nobleness of soul, and constancy of
 mind, at which we rarely arrive with
 all our Philosophy and Religion. As
 they are neither slaves to ambition, nor
 interest;

* Human Nature, even in its rudest state, is
 possessed of a strong sense of right and wrong; a
 pure principle which is not confined to any name
 or form, but diffuses itself as universally as the
 sun; it is "*That light which enlightens every man
 coming into the world,*" John i. 9. All those
 who yield to its impressions are brethren in the
 full extent of the expression, however differing in
 other respects.