

aggravated in the Indian constitution. The process of suppuration appears to be greatly impeded by the extreme thickness of the *cutis vera*, and the matter when formed, being deeply seated, is discharged with considerable difficulty from the surface of the pustules.

It was rumoured at one time, that the venereal disease had spread extensively amongst the Indians. No cases of syphilis, however, either in its primary or secondary form, ever came under my notice. The disease made its appearance only in a few instances amongst the troops, and from this circumstance the report seemed to originate. It is asserted by some who have lived and travelled in the interior parts of the country, that many of the Indian nations have a knowledge of certain plants, whose efficacy they deem infallible in the cure of every form of syphilis. An interpreter of the Souk nation, with whom I have conversed, not only corroborates this statement, but affirms, that he has seldom