

a common prayer: nor was it to have been expected, that a publication, known as the Edinburgh Review has been for its able exposure of this species of logical error, in its defence of the negroes in the West Indies, should have committed the same fault with regard to those who, in their worst state (never being slaves), are infinitely less degraded.

From what sources you have derived information carrying you to different reflections upon this kindred subject of the character of the Indians of North America, it is, I am inclined to think, in vain to seek. For one, I promise it earnest examination when produced.

The grounds of your conclusion, that "generation after generation of Indians passes away, and "no trace of the advancement distinguishes the "last from the first;" and your surprise, that "no "superior genius should have arisen among them, "to inspire his countrymen with a desire to cultivate the arts of peace," are, I am satisfied, equally matter of fruitless curiosity. It is so clear that these conclusions are erroneous, that you cannot have done more than consider the probable capacity of the most degraded of the Indians, as you have found them described by some recent travellers, and by their deadly enemies. So far indeed