

*rica*; these conjectures are short, and it is likely occur'd to him casually, perhaps they are not all well grounded, or at most apply'd to any but the *Eskimaux*, however, the same sentiments on this subject have been supported by the learned *Grotius* in his treatise *de Origine Gentium Americanarum*, and in his reply to *J. de Laet*.

This question has long been agitated with great warmth, and every solution of it hitherto, has found opposers, because those who have engaged in the controversy have forgot, or wilfully mistook, that the point in dispute cannot reasonably be, whether it was actually peopled from one or more particular places? but whether it might probably be peopled consistent with the *Mosaic* history; otherwise it would be hard to say, how all this enquiry has been so much confined to *America*, when the passage of the inhabitants to many other parts of the globe is attended with equal difficulties.

*P. Charlevoix* who has with great exactness abstracted the opinions and arguments of the writers on this subject, has observed, that besides the easy passage by sea from the coast of *Guinea* to that of *Brazil*: If it has not yet been demonstrated that the new world is contiguous to the old on the South, North-East and North-West, at least the contrary has not been shewn, so that the principal difficulties to be encountered, arise not from the want of a Passage, but from colour, manner, and language, which seem irreconcilable to any we are acquainted