

berty. Civilization has as yet made little progress amongst the greater number of the nations. Their intellectual powers may therefore be regarded as in a state of infancy. Because their stock of ideas has not been increased by education, their curiosity appears inactive. Hence, objects, in themselves interesting, are regarded with an unaccountable air of indifference. From their reasoning faculties not being exercised, they are unaccustomed to reflection. Improvident of futurity, they consider indolence and liberty as the chief enjoyments of their being. In their colloquial intercourse, their words are few, and the same word is often applied to a number of different objects. Their language, however, is bold and figurative, and their speech is accompanied with a variety of gesticulations, evidently introduced to facilitate the expression of their ideas.

The principal occupations of the Indians are war, hunting, and fishing. Few individuals of any of the tribes obtain their support by cultivating the soil. Hence, an In-