

Discovery of a North-West Passage.

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People into *America*. I speak as to the *Kinski* Novemb.
Indians in particular, whom I apprehend from
their Manners to be the first Comers, and to have
been drove to the Northward by later Settle-
ments.

Marriage is in Use amongst these People, for
as to that chimerical Community, there is no Rea-
son to believe it ever subsisted. *Cecrops*, who is
represented in profane History, might bring it
under some better Regulation, with Respect to
the People he govered, and substitute Solemn-
ties at the Contracting of these Alliances, and in-
stitute Monogamy, or the having but one Wife ;
but profane History also tells us of Marriage
prior, instituted by *Jupiter*, who hath his Wife
Juno. Marriage, with Respect to these *Indians*,
carries an Interest with it, which induces these
Indians, and must have induced all People in the
same Circumstance of Living ; the securing to
themselves Children, who would be a Preserva-
tive for them against Want in their old Age.
And, in this Sense, Children might well be ac-
counted Riches. The *Indian* who hath Children
hath so many to hunt for him, when he is him-
self incapable, and without which he might be
liable to starve. Therefore it is apparent, that
amongst those People who lived by the Chace,
and amongst whom it is pretended this Commu-
nity was used, it could never be ; by reason that
appropriating a Wife would have greater Advan-
tages. The Community again would be such a