

A. The inland inhabitants are represented as extremely numerous; living in cottages, thatched with straw, and feeding large herds of cattle. They lived chiefly upon milk, and flesh procured by the chase: what clothes they wore to cover any part of their bodies, were usually the skins of beasts; but the arms and legs were left naked, and usually painted blue; their hair, which was long, flowed down upon their backs and shoulders, while their beards were kept close shaven, except upon the upper lip, where it was suffered to grow. The dress of savage nations is every where nearly alike, being calculated rather to inspire terror, than to excite respect.

Q. What was the government of England at that time?

A. As to their government, it consisted of several small principalities, under different leaders; and this seems to have been the earliest mode of dominion, with which mankind were acquainted, and may have been deduced from the natural privileges of paternal authority. Upon great and imminent dangers, a commander in chief was chosen, by consent in a general