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The *Indians* have a large square Outer-Coat, Novemb.
much like a Blanket in Shape and Size, made ei-
ther of Deer Skin, or a Parcel of Beaver Skins
sewed together. It hangs loose from the Shoul-
ders, trailing along the Ground, and is tied a-cross
the Breast with two Strings; the Part that is be-
hind the Neck, and on the Shoulders lay in Rolls;
sometimes they set it up hollow behind like a
Cope; at other Times it lies flat like a Cape
hanging Part down each Arm. It is painted on
the Leather Side of the Skins with Strokes of
Red and Black, like a Border, near to the Edge
or outer Part of the Coat, round the Bottom,
and some Way up the Sides. This outer Coat
is all chipped, or hanging in Thongs of about
an Inch Width, and three Inches long, those at
the Bottom; but those up the Sides, and nearer
the Head, less; some of which they also paint
red. The best dressed People, in the earliest
Times, were those who wore the Skins of Beast,
which they had taken amongst their Herds, or
that they had killed in the Chace. They were a
long Time the Royal Mantle of Princes, and the
Ornament of Heroes. *Hercules* was not dressed
otherwise than in the Skin of a Lion of *Nemea*.
One of the *Argonauts*, following *Jason* to share
in the Expedition of *Colchos*, sailed for the Coast,
and arrived covered with a beautiful Bull's Skin,
which reached to his Heels. *Acestes*, in *Sicily*,
met *Aeneas*, who landed on his Coast, dressed in
the Skin of a *Lybian* Bear, having his Bow and