

the Indians, is much the gentleman, easy in his manners, mild and friendly in his disposition, regular and methodical in his whole deportment, and has by his good examples, brought many of his nation into a regular system of husbandry, and a decent way of living in their families.

Thus have I now as generally made you acquainted with this great country, as correctly as my short stay in it would admit of; but I cannot conclude this without giving you a piece of information equally new to every body here as to me.

For many years past adventurers have attempted without success to cross to the Pacific Ocean. The honor of this arduous task was left to a Mr. Alexander Mac Kenzie, a partner in the north-west fur company, who lately returned by the way of the lakes, having fully accomplished the object of his undertaking in the course of two years, by traversing the continent of America to the northward of west, over vast mountains covered with ice, which obliged him to make new canoes, wherever he had the waters in his favour. On his arrival on this coast, seven weeks sail from Canton in China, and 2 de-