

little thick persons, wrapped up in the beautiful furs of the wolves or bears they kill in the chase, or else in the skin of the seal which they spear.

The natives of America best known to us, and found in all the back settlements, both of North and South America, are called by Europeans, American Indians. These were the old inhabitants of the country, and were of various tribes, a few of which still remain. They have a clear skin, of pale copper colour, and black hair, and some of the tribes have fine intelligent faces, with kind and good qualities, but they have unsettled habits, and are continually at war with each other. They subsist by hunting, and are skilful in the use of the bow and arrow.

The more southern country of South America is inhabited by an uncivilized race of large stature, called Patagonians.

The West Indian islands are peopled by English and other European races, with a large number of negroes. These poor Africans were formerly brought over from Africa and sold as slaves, but they have been set free by an order of the English Parliament. One of these islands, called Hayti, is both inhabited and governed by negroes of America.

Every thing in America is large; great rivers, vast lakes, immense forests, wide and almost interminable plains, and some of the loftiest mountains in the world.

OF POLYNESIA.

Polynesia is the name given to the islands of the Pacific Ocean. They are very numerous, but