Of their Arts and Manufactures.

ARTS among the Indians are confined to a very narrow Compartment, the Balconies of their Lives being War and Hunting, they devote themselves with little effusion, deeming it ignominious for a Coward, that is, a Wee-Captive, or good Hunter, to do mechanic Works, except in the rare Cases where, as it is the Custom to the Women and Honey Hunters. Their Gowns are made of Pine or Tulip Trees, with a Sort of Gauze, resembling Muslyns or Silks, on which they paint. Their State-Cloaths, for the Receptions of Embassadors, and other publick Traditions, are built with great Magnificence, being lofty, and of far larger Dimensions, the little being hung with State-Mats of Velvet, as also the Wigwam of the King, and some others of prize Note.

They have also Hours for the Summer, which are built more open and airy, which in rainy Weather they sleep in. A Town of Touro Indians, found onitemid River, is built with long Poles or Trees drove into the Ground close to one another, the Interstices being filled up with Moss, and covered with the Bark of the sweet Gum Tree; from two of these Trees, being bent over their Back, I gathered more than my Hat full of the fragrant Resin that trickles from between the Bark and the Wood, and by the Heat of the Sun congeals into a Reflection of transparent Amber.

Des Arts & Manufactures des Indiens.

I'ls Arts sont en tout point bornés chez les Indiens; Comme la guerre et la chasse sont l'importante occupation de ces peuples, et avec ces deux motifs se composent de l'artisanat, ils se consacrent à peu près exclusivement à la chasse et à la guerre. Ils utilisent les arbres massifs du pays pour construire leurs maisons, ainsi que leurs Canots. Ils s'occupent aussi de la pêche et du commerce, mais ces activités sont secondaires par rapport à la chasse et à la guerre.

Before the Introduction of Five-Arms among the American Indians, they made no other Use of the Skin of Deer, and other Beasts, than to cloath themselves, their Carcasses, for Food, probably, then being of as much Value to them as the Skin; but as they were in favor of the Europeans for other Chasing, and Ummah they were with unacquainted, with the Life of it, to give more expression to numbers. In the small part of the Venison they kill fowlers them the Remainder is left to roe, or becomes a Prey to the Wolves, Pandians, and other vo...