

It is lawfull among them to haue more Wiues then one ; but all keepe the rigour of coniugall faith vnto their Husbands : The Womens very aspect, is modest and graue.

Generally the Nation is so noble, that you cannot doe them any fauour or good turnes, but they returne it. There is small passion among them, but they weigh all with a calme and quiet reason. And to doe this the better, in great affaires they are studdying in a long silence what is to bee said or done: And then they answere yea, or no, in two words : And stand constantly to their resolution.

If these people were once Christians, (as by some signes we haue reason to thinke nothing hinders it but want of language) it would bee a right vertuous, and renowned Nation.

As for their religion, wee haue not language our selues to find it out ; Master *Throughgood*, who driues his Lordships trade vpon the riuier of *Patuxunt*, hath related somewhat :

First, they acknowledge one God of Heauen , which they call [our] God ; and cry, a thousand shames vpon those Christians that so lightly offend so good a God. But they giue no externall honour vnto him, but vse all their might to please an Okee (or frantick spirit) for feare of harme from him. They adore also Wheate and Fire as two gods, very beneficiall vnto mans nature.

In the *Machicomoco*, or Temple of *Patuxunt* , there was scene by our Traders this Ceremoney. Vpon a day appointed all the Townes mett, and a great fire being made ; about it stood the younger sort, and behind them againe the elder. Then taking a little deere suett, they cast it into the fire , crying *Taho , Taho* , and lifting vp their hands to heauen. After this , was brought forth before them a great Bagg, filled with a large *Tobacco-pipe* and *Poake*, which is the word which they vse for our *Tobacco*. This was carried about the fire, the youth following, and singing *Taho, Taho* , in very good tune of voice, and comely gesture of body.

The round ended, one comes reuerently to the bagg , and opening it, takes out the *Pipe*, and deuides the *Poake* from one , to one. As euery one tooke his draught, hee breath'd his smoake vpon all the limbs of his owne body ; as it were to sanctifie them by this ceremoney, to the honour and seruice of their God , whom soeuer they meant.