

are faroshas [ferocious] and Rude in thare Maners Perhaps Oeing in Sum masher to thare Leadig an Obsger [obscure] life in the Planes. Thay are not Conversant with Evrey other tribe. Thay Seldom Sea thare Nighbors. Thay Leade a wandering Life in that Extensive Plane Betwene the Miseura & Missicippey. Thay dwell in Leather tents Cut Sumthing in form of a Spanish Cloke and Spread out by thirteen in the shape of a Bell—the Poles Meet at the top But the Base is fortien in Dimerter—thay Go into it By a Hole Cut in the Side and a Skin Hung Befour it By Way of a Dore—thay Bild thare fire in the Middel and do all thare Cookery over it—at Night thay Lie down all around the Lodg with thare feat to the fire. Thay Have a Grate Number of Horses and Dogs which Carres there Bageag when thay Move from Plase to Plase. Thay Make youse of Buffeloes dung for fuel as there is but little or no Wood upon the Planes. Thay are Continuely on the Watch for feare of Beaing Sarprised By thare Enemise who are all Round them. Thare war Implements are Sum fire armes, Boses and arroes & Spear which thay have Continuely in thare hands. When on the March at Nite thay Keep out Partear on the Lookout. Thay Run down the Buffelow with thare Horses and Kill as Much Meat as thay Please. In Order to have thare Horseis Long Winded thay Slit thair Noses up to the Grissel of thare head which Make them Breath Verey freely. I Have Sean them Run with those of Natrall Nostrals and Cum in Apearantley Not the Least Out of Breath. These when a parson dies among them in winter thay Carrea the Boddey with them til thay Cum to Sum Spot of Wood and thay Put it up on a Scaffel till when the frost is out of the Ground thay Intare [inter] it.<sup>69</sup> Thay Beleve in two Spirits

Great Slave and Great Bear lakes. Pond had doubtless encountered this tribe during his years of northern exploration, but is mistaken regarding their affinity.—Ed.

<sup>69</sup> For this custom of aerial (or scaffold) burial, see *Early Western Travels*, iv, p. 286; vi, pp. 141, 142; xxiii, pp. 360, 361. One such cemetery is portrayed in "Maximilian's Voyage," *Id.*, xxii, p. 347.—Ed.