

Mr. Gibbs intermingles domestic memoranda with his notes respecting the island, and extracting these I shall collect his remarks made on different days and even at some what distant periods, and arrange the context, so as to render the view of each distinct subject of observation comprehensive and clear.

First speaking of the Inhabitants, Mr. Gibbs informs us that the 'Charaibbee or Galibois' Indians were settled on the Coast and on the Banks of the Rivers and formed the only population: -there not being an European on the Island, when they arrived but Mr. Simpson and his Clerk. The Melville Schooner showing its colonies in King's Bay the Charailo chieftains of the windward district named Cardinal (probably a title of Honor censed by the Spanish missionaries). Come off in his canoe, to pay a visit of Respect, for God Brown; and thenceforward his people, were on the most friendly terms with the British.

Mr. Gibbs describes the Charaibs as short in stature, but well proportioned, muscular and active: Their skins was of a copper colour; and their hair long and coarse black hair flowed loosely on their shoulders. Both man and the women went naked, with the exception of a small cloth passing between the legs,

attached by a girde of twines of different colours, in which was held their knife:- The man wore necklaces strung with the teeth of animals, which they had killed.

The Charaibs women did all the work of the house, and labour of the garden:- in making articles for domestic use, they seem to have possessed an information and skill beyond what might have been expected from their general manners and state of society. Mr Gibbs, April the 16th 1766 visiting Rochelle, an Indian chief settled in a vale at a short distance pass Rockley Bay was by him shown a separate hut, where his wife and daughters were at work:- some of the women were making Cassada Bread; -others spur from the Distaff;- and one woman was weaving a hammock, -the cotton threads well disposed, on a clumsy loaming, probably passed from some model left by the Dutch.

On a plot of ground contiguous to the hut, the women cultivate yams, sweet potatoes, cassada, plantains and the sugar cane:- The men were soley occupied with hunting and fishing:. This account accurately represents the few Charnib people yet seem in this Island with some variation in manners and duties