

CHAPTER XXII.

Adaptations of the Earth to afford supplies of Water through the medium of Springs.

As the presence of water is essential both to animal and vegetable existence, the adjustment of the Earth's surface to supply this necessary fluid, in due proportion to the demand, affords one of the many proofs of Design, which arise out of the investigation of its actual condition, and of its relations to the organized beings which are placed upon it.

to say anything of them : without the use of these we could have nothing of culture or civility : no Tillage or Agriculture ; no Reaping or Mowing ; no Ploughing or Digging ; no Pruning or Loping ; no Grafting or Insition ; no mechanical Arts or Trades ; no Vessels or Utensils of Household-stuff ; no convenient Houses or Edifices ; no Shipping or Navigation. What a kind of barbarous and sordid life we must necessarily have lived, the Indians in the Northern part of America are a clear demonstration. Only it is remarkable that those which are of most frequent and necessary use, as Iron, Brass and Lead, are the most common and plentiful : others that are more rare, may better be spared, yet are they thereby qualified to be made the common measure and standard of the value of all other commodities, and so to serve for Coin or Money, to which use they have been employed by all civil Nations in all Ages." Ray's Wisdom of God in the Creation. Pt. i. 5th ed. 1709, p. 110.