

nished with all necessary Ingredients: for as their Soil produces good Cattel, so their Lakes abound in Fish, and their Woods in Fowl, the Wine is also light and good. The Women are generally employed in their domestick Affairs, and the Wives even of the chief Magistrates of *Bern* look into all the Concerns of the House and Kitchen as much as the Wives of the meanest Peasants. Men and Women do not converse promiscuously together; and the Women are so much amused with the Management at home, and enter so little into Intrigues, that among them, as an eminent Physician there told me, they know not what Vapours are, which he imputed to the Idleness and Intrigues that abound elsewhere, whereas he said, among them the Blood was cleansed by their Labour, and as that made them sleep well, so they did not amuse themselves with much thinking, nor did they know what Amours were. The third Adultery is punished with Death, which is also the punishment of the fifth Act of Fornication; of which I saw an instance while I was at *Bern*, for, a Woman who confessed her self guilty of many Whoredoms, and desired to be revenged on some Men that did not furnish her liberally with Money, was upon that condemned and executed: the manner was solemn; for the *Advoyer* comes into an open Bench in the middle of the Street, and for the Satisfaction of the People, the whole Process was read, and Sentence was pronounced in the hearing of all; the Counsellors both of the great and lesser Council standing about the *Advoyer*, who after Sentence took the Criminal very gently by the hand, and pray'd for her Soul: and after Execution, there was a Sermon for the Instruction of the People.

The whole State is disposed for War, for every man that can bear Arms is listed, and knows his Post and Arms; and there are Beacons so laid over the Country, that the Signal can run over the whole Can-