

came, and stopped several months. He performed his religious rites; and directed every principal cultivator to make an Ark for his God, and to deposit in it sacred food for his God to feed upon.

In compliance with the order of the Priest, this Ark and others were made. It is about five feet long, two wide, and eleven and a half deep, and is painted and ornamented with carving and various figures; and within are placed the sacred provisions. The caterpillars left the potatoe grounds in a short time; and the Natives attributed their departure to the influence of the Priest, and not to any natural cause; and hence they preserve these sacred Arks.

Mr. Kendall told me that he had never seen or heard of any custom of this kind before the above.

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