

The first who came talked loud and boisterous, and began to catch the pack horses, when it was proposed to go with them to the village.

In the meantime all was confusion, some snatching a rifle from one, while another caught a blanket from another, and ran off. Saxton first got under way, following his packed horse, having many valuable papers, and surrounded by some twenty Indians. They soon stripped him of his powder horn and his horse and saddle, and put him bare-back, while a brave, with a large battle-axe, led his horse by the bridle. Brown followed Saxton in a similar manner, passed him, and was the first to grace their fiendish triumph as they entered their villages in full gallop. The Doctor was next suffered to start towards the village, but not until they had torn his coat into pieces, and stripped him of his vest. One Indian then struck him a hard blow on the right cheek; another hit him two blows on the top of his head with a war club, which nearly deprived him of his senses. With nothing left but his flannel shirt and pantaloons, he passed Saxton soon after Brown, with a brave leading his horse, and a chief riding behind him, embracing him in his arms. Chapman followed immediately after Brown; they struck him several times as he was riding; he was hurried along and taken into the village. The Doctor was last on the ground, and was conducted into the lodge of a chief, but not permitted to converse with any of his party; the rest of the men were conducted to separate lodges, and treated in a similar manner.

The party were fed several times during the evening on boiled corn, at several lodges, accompanied by an Indian, but were not permitted to be together, except about ten minutes at a time. The first impression made upon the Doctor and all the party on entering the lodges was, that the chief would cause most of the property to be given back, but before morning all were convinced to the contrary, by having their packs opened and pillaged of everything of value; not even letters to people in the States were omitted. Dr. White lost many of his most valuable papers, and some twenty letters, though he mailed at this place 541, to various persons in the Union. After robbing the party of all their provisions and clothing, as well as horses, in the morning several squaws, true to the character of women, put up some corn, and the chiefs who were at the head of the outrage brought forward several poor,