

from the scalping knife, he claimed her as his own, on their arrival at their settlement; and as none appeared disposed to dispute rights with him, he had compelled her to accompany him to his settlement, (he being of another tribe, still further north,) and where, if still living, they had no doubt that he too highly valued his "young squaw" to be very willing to part with her!

By this information (the truth of which I had no great reason to doubt,) I began to despair of being soon able to find and to effect the release of my poor child, as the tribe with which she was now represented a prisoner, had ever been considered a wandering tribe, and without any permanent place of residence—as my only alternative now, and what appeared to me to be the best and only means to recover her, I, previous to my return, publicly made known to every Indian that I met with, (particularly those of the St. Francis tribe) that to any one of them who would thereafter restore to me my daughter, alive, I would present the sum of 200 dollars in silver money; and having received the assurances of many, that, for the value of the reward, they would do all in their power to find out to what part of the interior she was conveyed, and if a possible thing, to assist her in effecting her escape, if her liberty could not be otherwise obtained, I once more returned to my afflicted wife, and where in a state of melancholy suspense, we passed nearly three months, without receiving any tidings whatever respecting the fate of our unfortunate daughter; which, from the well known character of the savages into whose hands she had fallen, we had no reason to believe could be the best, as after my return, I received information from some of my neighbours of many other depredations committed by the same party of Indians, on their return from their unsuccessful expedition.—She most melancholy instance was that of the destruction of the lives of almost every member of the unfortunate family of a Mr. John Corbly, a preacher of the gospel; the particulars of which I received from his own lips, and were these—that "having an appointment to preach at a short distance from his dwelling house, he left home for that purpose, with his wife and five children, and while they proceeded forward he walked behind them leisurely, without apprehending any danger; and while thus proceeding he was suddenly alarmed by the screeching of his family, to the relief