

night would not leave me ; but came and laid herself down at my feet, signifying her intention to use her endeavours to appease his wrath.---For my own part, I got but little rest that night ; though my babe slept sweetly by my side : but I dreaded the tragical design of my master, and looked every hour when he would enter the wigwam to execute his bloody purpose.---But here again kind providence interposed. For being weary with hunting, and having toiled in the woods without success, he went to rest, and forgot to put in practice the horrid purpose he had formed.

The morning being come, he went forth again to hunt. I dreaded his return empty-handed ; and prayed in my heart that he might take something to satisfy his hunger, and quell his ill humour. And before he had been long gone, he returned with booty ; having shot some wild ducks. He now appeared in a better temper, and ordered the fowls to be dressed speedily. For these Indians, whenever they are in possession of plenty, spend it as freely as they take it : often consuming in the space of two days, through gluttony and drunkenness, as much as with prudent management might serve a week. And thus they live, for the most part, either in riot and excess ; or undergo very great hardships for want of necessaries.

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