

in weight, and they have been shot as heavy as nine.

Government have always been anxious, though hitherto without success, to establish a friendly intercourse with the native Indians; and it is to be feared that the unauthorized system of terror exercised towards them by our first settlers here, and which drove them into the very heart of the country, amidst almost impervious woods, has for ever cut off the hope of an understanding between us; for whenever a party of them have been surprised or seen, they have precipitately fled, and hidden themselves in the mazes of a neighbouring forest. Some few years since, four or five of them were discovered in a wigwam, by persons who were on the search for them, from an out-port; the alarm was suddenly given, and they all escaped but one elderly woman, in whose withered limbs the brisk blood of activity