



AN ACCOUNT

OF THE SUFFERINGS OF MASSY HERBESON, AND HER FAMILY,
WHO WERE TAKEN PRISONERS BY A PARTY OF INDIANS.
GIVEN ON OATH BEFORE JOHN WILKINS, ESQ., ONE OF
THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Pittsburgh, May 28, 1792.

MASSY HERBESON, on her oath, according to law, being taken before John Wilkins, Esq., one of the commonwealth's justices of the peace in and for the county of Alleghany, deposed and saith, that on the 22d day of this instant she was taken from her own house, within two hundred yards of Reed's block-house, which is called twenty-five miles from Pittsburgh; her husband, being one of the spies, was from home; two of the scouts had lodged with her that night, but had left her house about sunrise, in order to go to the block-house, and had left the door standing wide open. Shortly after the two scouts went away, a number of Indians came into the house and drew her out of bed by the feet; the two eldest children, who also lay in another bed, were drawn out in the same manner; a younger child, about one year old, slept with the deponent..