

Wont to alarm your sleeping Villages,
Or worse ! with murd'rous Intent, conceal'd

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Account of the Sufferings of Mr. *John Clark*, who, in the Year 1754, being settled somewhere contiguous to the Bay of *Fundy*, was, together with several other unfortunate new Settlers, carried off by the Savages, who came suddenly upon them in the Night, and stripping them, compelled Men, Women, and Children, to the Amount of seventy odd, entirely naked, though early in the Spring, and the Weather excessive sharp, by hasty and quick Marches to go to their Habitation in the Mountains and inland Parts, distant from the Bay of *Fundy* more than 120 Leagues. The first Day's March released several of the wretched Sufferers from their miserable Situation, who, fatigued, and unable to proceed, were by the *Indians* first rendered senseless with repeated Strokes of their *Tomihawks*, or small Hatchets; and then, while warm with Life, and struggling with Agony, deprived of a circular Part, about four or five Inches over, containing the external Tegument of the back Part of the Skull, together with the Flesh and Hair appertaining to it, and commonly called the Scalp; performed by placing their Knees against the Victim's Shoulders, sitting on the Ground, and making an Incision round the Part with a Scalping-Knife, the Barbarian stooping forwards, supporting his Hands on the poor Creature's Neck, catches the fore Part of the divided Skin betwixt his Teeth, and at one Jerk strips it from the bleeding Head. Such is the inhuman Method of scalping; set on foot, and so industriously encouraged, by our most Christian Enemies the *French*; and such the Miseries these unhappy People suffered, that by the Time they reached *Onhowga*, the *Indian Town*, they were reduced to the Number of thirteen, and divided by Lot amongst the Elders of the Tribes; what became of his Brother-Sufferers, *Clark* was entirely unacquainted with; but he, with his Wife and Daughter, were compelled to go through a Ceremony, which he, with some Propriety, used to call his Induction, in Manner following: Being seated in the Center of a Circle, composed of these wild People, after feasting, and Variety of barbarous Gestures, the Chief advancing with a Firebrand, strikes him over the Shoulder, making him Signs to stand up, which done, the whole savage Mob rise, and with uncommon Shouts, Yells and Songs, croud round him, and, armed with the same burning Weapons, beat him for a considerable Time, as well over the Face, as every Part of the Body,

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