

that, too, at an unavoidable sacrifice of much property. 2. The entire willingness of our woodsman to abide by us through foul and fair upon the spot. 3. The appeal, still half urged upon my feelings, to make further efforts to ascertain the fate of the missing child; an appeal, however, which was no longer seconded by much hope of success.

Not to weary the reader with the reasoning by which these different views were enforced, the conclusion arrived at, was the following:—In reference to the last consideration, an extensive search—into which our best energies should be thrown—was to be forthwith set afoot, and that done, we should leave the estate for a season under the care of Jannock, and take our departure for England, with the further design of returning to arrange matters more satisfactorily, when time and tide should permit.

In pursuance of the first resolution, we employed an entire week in an assiduous search through the neighbourhood; meeting, agreeably to the guide's prediction, with more than one burnt homestead, and the lifeless remains, instead of the living energies, of many whose co-operation we had counted on for our present turn.

From first to last, however, our efforts were utterly abortive; and relapsing to my former conclusion, that