

our habitations and theirs, which tho' they can penetrate with ease and subsist, men who are not accustomed to this kind of life, would perish should they attempt. I am not ignorant that Armstrong of Pensylvania did effectuate a march to Kintannon on the Ohio (the boldest and best planed enterprize which has been undertaken against the Indians) but what was the event? the enemy lost about ten fighting men, and our army was almost totally starved, dispersed or slaughtered. But their security from attacks does not consist alone in these intermediate deserts, but in the facility with which they can remove their habitations should we be able to penetrate them; for as their subsistence depends chiefly on hunting and shooting, a change of habitation is to them no great inconvenience, which