

was very great. The American generals *Chandler* and *Winder*, one major, five captains, one lieutenant, and 116 men, were taken prisoners. Nevertheless the Americans fought with such resolution that the attacking party were obliged to abandon their advantage, leaving 150 of their number behind them. They, however, carried off two pieces of cannon and some horses.

The next chief we introduce chiefly to illustrate a most extraordinary mode of doing penance, among the nations of the west.



Wawnahton,* a bold and fearless chief, of the tribe of Yankton,† (whose name, translated, is "*he who charges the enemy*,") was considerably noted in the last war with Canada. "He had," says my author, "killed seven enemies in battle with his own hand, as the seven war-eagle plumes in his hair testified, and received nine wounds, as was shown by an equal number of little sticks arranged in his coal-black hair, and painted in a manner that told an Indian eye whether they were inflicted by a bullet, knife or tomahawk, and by whom. At the attack on Fort Sandusky, in the late war, he received a bullet and three buck shot in his breast, which glanced on the bone, and passing round under the skin, came out at his back." This, and other extraordinary escapes, he made use of, like the famous *Tuspaquin*, two ages before, to render himself of greater importance among his nation. At this time he was supposed to be about 30 years of age, of a noble and elegant appearance, and is still believed to be living.‡

Major *Long's* company considered *Wawnahton* a very interesting man, whose acquaintance they cultivated with success in the neighborhood of Lake Traverse. They describe him as upwards of six feet high, and

* *Wanotan*, in *Long's Exped. to St. Peters*, i. 448.

† *Yanktoan*, (*Long, ib.* 404,) which signifies *descended from the fern leaves*.

‡ Facts published by *W. J. Snelling, Esq.* It is said by *Keating*, in *Long's Exped.* i. 448, that he was about 23 years of age. This was in 1823.