

also suggested the propriety of sending a Delaware war-party forthwith to a certain place. There, it was said, they would be joined by a large band of the Mengwe, who would make common cause with them, and even take the lead, march in front, fight their battles, and leave them little else to do than to look on. The Delawares, unprepared to meet the tremendous force said to be in the field against them, gladly embraced these liberal offers, and hastily sent a small band to the appointed rendezvous. Here, the Cherokees, (availing themselves probably of hints furnished by the Mengwe), fell upon them, and routed them with great loss. At this juncture, and not before, the Mengwe made their appearance. Instead of reinforcing their 'allies,' however, they only reproached and ridiculed them for having dared, being *women*, to attack *men*—without orders from the proper authority. Had they respectfully waited for *their* guidance, they would have protected them; but as they had ventured to act for themselves, they were well punished for their unaccountable insolence. A bloody war now ensued between the Cherokees and their Grandfather. It may be added, that the treachery of the Mengwe, though long unsuspected, was discovered at last. It was even ascertained, that some of the latter had actually taken part in the battle against them, besides having both instigated