

to obtain my daughter's freedom, but all his endeavours proved ineffectual, she being still in the hands of the same old squaw, who designed at any rate to oblige my daughter to marry her son, and for that reason utterly rejected any proposal for her redemption. But herein she missed of her aim ; for whilst she was endeavouring to bring my daughter to consent, a Frenchman, who had taken a great liking to her, interposed. He spared no pains by persuasion to gain her consent ; setting before her the immediate privilege she would obtain by becoming his wife, to wit, her freedom from captivity among the Indians ; for in such a case it seems they have no pretence to detain their captives any longer after marrying a Frenchman ; but the woman then becomes the sole property of her husband. These remonstrances and persuasions, added to the improbability of her being redeemed from the Indians by any other means, at last prevailed ; and accordingly she was married to the Frenchman, and settled amongst that people.

Thus, as well as I was able by the help of memory (not having been in a condition to keep a journal) I have given a short but true account of some of the remarkable trials, and wonderful deliverances that have befallen me and mine ; which I never intended to publish, but that I hoped the merciful kindness and goodness of God might thereby be manifested ; and the reader stirred up with more care and fear to righteousness and humility ; and then will my purpose be answered.