

of cruelty and drained it of its venom. The evil god veiled the villain's purpose by giving him a countenance of sulky resignation.

Not long after the excursion against the Hurons, we heard that an immense red-bear⁽⁸⁾ was prowling a few leagues to the eastward of our habitation, and a short distance from the mighty cataract. The weather being exceedingly sultry and the creature likely to be very fierce, it was agreed that a party of our chiefs should proceed in search of him; and, as the journey would be made during the coolness of night, the females who chose to endure the fatigues rather than remain alone, were permitted to bear their husbands company. Some debate ensued in consequence of Onwaroo's objecting to submit to the command of Samachet, for general consent had made him our leader; but this difficulty was obviated by an immediate proposal of the latter to divide our band, giving to Onwaroo the choice of six warriors.