

my troubles : so that I can say my afflictions were not to be set forth by words to the full extent of them.

We had not long been arrived, before my master went abroad to hunt for provisions for the family, and was absent about a week. Before he set out, he ordered me to procure wood, and gather nuts : in doing which I was very diligent, during the time of his absence, cutting the wood, and putting it up in order. But no sooner was he returned, than I quickly perceived he was very much displeas'd ; for he had met with no success in his hunting expedition ; and so strongly did his disappointment work upon him, that he began to revenge it on us his captives. He allowed me, however, a little boiled corn for myself and child ; but looking upon us with a very angry countenance, he threw a stick at me with so much violence, as plainly demonstrated that he grudged us the food we had received from him.

Hereupon his squaw and daughter broke forth in a violent fit of crying ; which occasioned me to fear that some mischief was intended against us ; and in consequence of this I instantly withdrew from his presence into another wigwam. He soon followed me ; and in great fury tore my blanket from my back ; then taking my little boy from me, he knocked him down as he went along before him.