

were in reality more acceptable, in his present situation, than what Keeshies had expended.

Same day an event happened that had nearly put an end to the expedition. An Indian joined them, who insisted on taking one of Matonabee's wives by force, unless he gave him a certain quantity of ammunition, iron, and other articles. The man, it appears, had very lately sold the woman to the captain; but having expended all the purchase value, he was determined to make another bargain for her; and as she was a very useful woman, and dexterous in every female art, that gained credit among these people, the chief was reduced to the most mortifying dilemma. He was sensible he was not able to wrestle with the claimant; he was exasperated at the trick put upon him; however, after some hours squabbling, the presents were produced, and the woman remained with Matonabee.

But this indignity he could not brook; he threatened to renounce his countrymen, and to join the Athapusco Indians,