

his Toe, which gave it motion downhill, and at every turn of the Kettle the Bail clattered ; upon which *James* and his Master could see a *Mohawk* in every Stump on motion, and turn'd Tail to, and he was the best Man that could run fastest. This alarm'd all the Indians in the Village. They tho' about thirty or forty in number, pack'd off Bag and Baggage, some up the River and others down : and did not return under fifteen Days, and the heat of the Weather being finely over, our hard Service abated for this Season. I never heard that the Indians understood the Occasion of the Fright, but *James* and I had many a private Laugh about it.

But my most intimate and dear Companion was one *John Evans*, a Young Man taken from *Quochebs*. We as often as we could, met together, and made known our Grievances to each other, which seem'd to ease our Minds : but when it was known by the Indians, we were strictly examined apart, and falsely accused, that we were contriving to desert ; but we were too far from the Sea to have any tho't of that : and when they found that our Story agreed, we received no Punishment. An English Captive Girl about this time, (who was taken by *Medocawando*) would often falsely accuse us of plotting to desert, but we made the Truth so plainly appear, that she was check'd and we released. But the third Winter of my Captivity, he went into the Country, and the Indians impos'd a heavy Burden on him, tho' he was extream Weak with long Fasting : and as he was going off the Upland over a Place of Ice which was very hollow he broke thro', fell down & cut his Knee very much, notwithstanding he travelled for some time : but the Wind and Cold were so forceable, that they soon overcame him, and he fat or fell down, & all the Indians pass'd by him : some of them went back the next Day after him, or his Pack, and found him, with a Dog in his Arms, both froze as stiff as a Stake. And all my fellow Captives, were disperfed and dead : but thro' infinite & unmeritedness Goodness I was supported under, and carried thro' all Difficulties.

SECT. III.  
Of *John Evans*'s Difficulties and Death &c.