

intercourse with us, since the discovery and settlement of their native land, by the Europeans, what would be the contents of this history?!—Not such as it is, from the hands of our historians, who have presented nought but the worst features of the Indian character, as exhibited in the course of their wars against the invaders of their country. While the wrongs inflicted on them by civilized men, have occupied but a very small portion of the record. Their sufferings, their private virtues, their bravery and magnanimity in war, all individual instances of greatness of mind, heroism, and clemency to captives, in the midst of the cruelties of their barbarous warfare, must soon be buried with themselves in the tomb of their national existence.

The Johnsons.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

THE following narrative, goes to shew that the long continuance of the Indian war, had inspired even the young lads of our country, not only with all the bravery, but even the subtlety of the Indians themselves

In the fall of the year 1793, two boys of the name of John and Henry Johnson, the first 13