

“ We shortly after perceived some canoes which were paddling
 “ with all their might to overtake us. As, however, we continued
 “ to proceed on our route, we heard a child’s voice, calling out in
 “ French to us to stop. We landed, and the canoes having come
 “ up, we recognized in one of them, the wife and children of one
 “ Pierre Dorion, a hunter, who had been sent with a party of eight
 “ men under the command of Mr. J. Reed, to collect provisions
 “ amongst the Snake Indians. This woman informed us of the mi-
 “ serable fate of the whole party. She related that, in the course
 “ of the month of January, the hunters being dispersed about the
 “ country, in order to set their beaver traps; three men, one of
 “ whom was her husband, were attacked by the natives. One of
 “ them, who had only been wounded, got back to the tent, where he
 “ died in a few minutes, after having told her that her husband was
 “ killed; that she had directly taken two horses which had been left
 “ at the tent, and placing her two children also upon them, had,
 “ with the greatest expedition, proceeded to Mr. Reed’s post, which
 “ was about five days’ journey from the place where her husband
 “ was killed; that to her extreme surprise, and horror, she found
 “ the house empty, and perceiving traces of blood, did not doubt
 “ that Mr. Reed had been murdered: that she then lost no time in
 “ pursuing her flight towards the mountains to the south of the
 “ River Walawala, where she passed the winter, killing the two
 “ horses for the nourishment of herself and her children: that at
 “ length, being destitute of provisions, she had come to the reso-
 “ lution of descending from the mountains, and proceeding to the
 “ banks of the Columbia River, in the hope of meeting with more
 “ humane natives, and who might suffer her to reside with them,
 “ until the canoes arrived, which she knew would ascend the river
 “ in the spring. The Walawala Indians had in fact exercised great
 “ hospitality towards this woman, and it was they, who brought
 “ her to us. We made them a few presents, to reward them for
 “ their humanity and attention, and they went away well satis-
 “ fied.”

Mr. F. says, that they did not doubt that this
 massacre was a retaliation exercised upon them
 by the Indians, for the death of one of them who
 had been *hung for a theft* the preceding spring by
 a Mr. — (with whose name I will not soil my
 page;) adding this short, but sensible reflection: