

the wife of his bosom, and children of his love, for the last time.

The Indians are forbid by the British government from crossing the lines at any time, or place, and are watched and guarded for fear they will; for the British know that if the Indians were permitted to cross and commit depredations on the United States side, that it would unite all the people against them, and that their safety or success lies in their practice of forbearance and humanity in the war.

Perhaps some of my readers are ready here to say that I am a wretched tory, and deserve to be hung for writing thus, and for naming forbearance and humanity with the word British, after they have encouraged the Indians to murder so many women and children, by paying them so great a price for their scalps. But dear reader, if you will have a little patience, I will tell you the truth as nigh as I can, though I expect you will not believe it: which is, the Indians are not paid one cent for scalps, nor have they taken any of any account since the battle of Brownstown,* and every one that they took there they brought down to Fort George, by my house. I asked several of the chiefs, who stopped to get some bread, what they took them for, if the govern-

* It is entirely indifferent to me whether any one believes these remarks or not: indeed I will not stand for the truth of it, but it is the nearest or greatest evidence I could get on the subject.