

richest and most beautiful tracts of country in the universe, were rendered a continued desert by this handful of savages ; four thousand of the inhabitants were massacred, and their children carried off, who may in time be acting the same tragedy on their native ground against their countrymen, and perhaps nearest relations ; the most immense rivers were not able to put a stop to these furies ; the Patomac and Susquahana were no bars to them, they passed them and repassed them daily with impunity ; a slight raft made in a few moments, on which they may secure their arms and ammunition dry, is to them sufficient, as they are more expert in swimming, than what we have any conception of in Europe. At the same time they committed these devastations in our colonies, they harassed