

the Indian department, and was on many expeditions along with Captain Brant; they put one another in mind of many strange adventures, among others that of their having once brought boys, and a number of women and girls, prisoners to Detroit, and so served the whole settlement, which was much in want of females. Their description of the consequences gave me a lively idea of the rape of the Sabine women by the first settlers of Rome; but the difference was great, for here the former husbands and lovers had been killed. A taylor in this place told me he was one of the boys captured on that occasion; that his eldest brother and father had been killed; the latter after he had been taken prisoner and brought a great part of the way, had got fatigued and could not travel, on which he was tomahawked by the Indians.

I CANNOT see how the necessities of war can warrant such barbarity to women and children, independent of the cruelty shown to men and prisoners. Another story of Captain Brant's relating to hunting was, that he, Captain Brant, and another, being on an expedition with a large party to the south, and nearly run out of provisions, and dreading the consequences, had gone a-hunting on horseback; that they preferred small to,