

flames, and the falling in of the roofs, from an adjoining eminence called Summer Hill. They cast a mournful look towards their dwellings, but were not permitted to stop, until they had reached the further side of the hill, where the party sat down to make a short repast; but grief prevented the prisoners from sharing with them.

The Indians speedily put forwards from this place; as they apprehended they were not so far removed from the settlements, as to be secure from pursuit. Not much further was a large hill, called Mochunk, which they fixed upon for a place of rendezvous: here they halted near an hour, and prepared shoes or sandals, which they call mockasons, for some of the children: considering themselves in some degree relieved from danger, their fears abated, so that they could enjoy their meal at leisure, which they ate very heartily. At their removal from this hill, they told the prisoners that Colonel Butler was no great distance from them, in the woods, and that they were going to him.

Near the foot of the hill flows a stream of water, called Mochunk Creek, which was crossed, and the second mountain passed; the steep and difficult ascent of which appeared very great to the much enfeebled and affrighted captives: they were permitted to rest themselves for some minutes, and then pressed on-