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Being now at the Door, my two Children who ha-
been playing in the Orchard (the one six and the o-
ther four Years of Age) came in Sight, and being
terrified at the Appearance of the naked *Indians*,
they cried aloud, on which one of the *Indians* ran
up to them, and taking one under each Arm
brought them to us; my Maid prevailed with the
biggest to be still, but the other would not be pa-
cified by any Means, but shrieking and crying very
much; whereupon to ease themselves of the Noise,
and prevent the Danger of a Discovery that might
arise from it, they made no more to do but knocked
out its Brains before my Face.

The *Indians* having now killed two of my Chil-
dren, the next Thing they did was to Scalp them,
a Practice common with them whenever they kill
any *English* People; this they do by cutting off the
Skin from the Crown of the Head, which they take
with them as an Evidence of the Number they
have slain; and it has been currently reported, that
the *French* in their Wars with the *English*, have given
the *Indians* a pecuniary Reward for every Scalp they
brought to them.

This being done, they prepared to leave the
House in great haste, without committing any other
Violence than taking what they had packed up,
together with myself and little Babe fourteen Days
old, my little Boy of six Years, one Daughter a-
bout Sixteen, another about Forteen, and my Maid
Servant.

It was, as I said before, but fourteen Days since
my Lying-in, and being very tender and weakly, and
turned out from my warm Room with every Thing
suitable to my Circumstances, it increased the Severity
of the Hardships I underwent exceedingly; never-
theless I found the Case was such, that I must either
go or die, for I could make no Resistance neither
would any Persuasions avail.

Accordingly

Dept.