

The next Day we went up that Eastern Branch of *Penobscot River* many Leagues, --- carried over Land to a large Pond, and from one Pond to another, till, in a few Days we went down a River ||, which vents it self into *St. John's River*. But before we came to the Mouth of this River, we carried over a long Carrying-Place ‡ to *Meddock-Fort*, which stands on a Bank of *St. John's River*. My Indian Master went before, and left me with an old Indian and two or three Squaws. The Old Man often said, (which was all the English that he could speak,) *By and by-- come to a great Town and Fort* : so that I comforted my self in thinking how finely I should be refreshed &c. when I came to this great Town.

SECT. V. After some Miles travel we came in sight of a large Corn-Field, and soon after of the Fort, to my great Surprise : for two or three Squaws met us, took off my Pack, and lead me to a large Hutt or Wigwam, where Thirty or Forty Indians were dancing and yelling round five or six poor Captives, who had been taken some Months before from *Quichebo*, at the same time when Major *Waldein* was most barbarously butchered by them \*. I was whirl'd in among

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|| *Meddockack River*.

‡ A Carrying-Place is a Path or Track in which they pass from one River, or part of a River or Pond to another : 'tis so called, because the Indians are obliged to carry their Baggage over them.

\* Major *Waldein* was taken in the beginning of *April* on the Night after a Sabbath. I have heard the Indians say at a Feast, that there being a Truce for some Days, they contriv'd to send in two Squaws to take Notice of the Numbers, Lodgings and other Circumstances of the People in his Garrison, and if they could obtain leave to Lodge there, to open the Gates and Whistle. [ They said the Gates had no Locks, but were fastned with Pins, and that they kept no Watch there ] The Squaws had a favourable Season to prosecute their Projection, for it was dull Weather when they came, and begg'd leave to Lodge in the Garrison : they told the Major that a great Number of Indians were not far from them, with considerable Quantities of Beaver, who would Trade with him the next Day &c. Some of the People were very much against their Lodging in the Garrison, but the Major said, Let the poor Creatures Lodge by the Fire ! The Squaws went into every Apartment, and observed the Numbers in each, and when the People were all asleep, rose and opened the Gates, and gave the Signal, and the other Indians came