

Accordingly, after much difficulty and trouble, he recovered our younger daughter and the maid ; but we could by no means obtain our eldest from them. For the squaw to whom she was given had a son, and she intended a match between my daughter and him, hoping in time to prevail upon her to comply : for the Indians are seldom guilty of any indecent carriage towards their captive women, unless much overtaken in liquor. The affection they had for my daughter made them refuse all offers and terms of ransom. So that after my husband had waited, and used his utmost endeavours to obtain our child, we were at last obliged to depart homewards, and leave our daughter, to our great grief, amongst the Indians.

We accordingly set forward over the lake, with three of our children and servant, in company with sundry others ; and, by the kindness of Providence, got well home on the 1st of the seventh month, called September, in the year 1725. From which it appears, that I had been from home amongst the Indians and French, and on my journey, twelve months and twenty-six days. In which series of time, the many deliverances and wonderful providences of God to us, have been, and I hope will remain to be, a continued obligation ever to live in fear, love, and obedience to God Almighty ; hoping, by the assistance of his grace, with meekness and wisdom to approve myself in holiness of life, and godliness of conversation, to the praise of him who has called me ; who is God, blessed for ever.

But my dear husband could not enjoy himself with satisfaction, because of the absence of
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