

highly pleased with their good fortune in receiving so considerable a sum, for services so easily performed; they having engaged to pay the young chief but the sum of twenty dollars on their return in exchange for the fair captive, who he represented to them had become his *wife* by *adoption*! As soon as my poor ill-fated child had become in some degree composed, and had gained sufficient strength so to do, she narrated to me and her afflicted mother, the heart rending trials and afflictions that she had been made the subject of, from the time that misfortune placed her in the power of the savages, until the moment that she was providentially restored to liberty, which as far as my recollection serves me, was in substance as follows:—

“That on the fatal evening that she was made a prisoner of, the savages seized her at the moment that she was about to enter the back door of the house, dragged her a few rods therefrom, and bound her with a cord to a tree, where were three other white captives (males) in a similar condition; which, when done, they returned to commence an attack on the house, and in which they were but a short time employed, for they not only found the door well secured, but at the very moment hearing the sound of a horn, and the report of a musket, they became apparently much frightened, (probably supposing themselves pursued) unbound her and the other captives, in great haste, and setting out upon a trot, drove her and the other prisoners before them, whom, if they attempted to slacken their pace in any degree, were unmercifully beat and scourged with rods which the savages had each prepared himself for that purpose—their bitter lamentations and entreaties for mercy had no other effect than to induce them to attempt to increase their pace by a still more severe application of their rods!—it was in this way that my daughter was compelled to travel through an almost impenetrable forest, until the break of day, when her strength began to fail her, and she to manifest an inability to travel, in the manner mentioned, any further—the savages perceiving this, they came to a halt, when a warm dispute arose among them, some (as she was afterward informed) being in favour of dispatching her on the spot, and to be no longer troubled with her, while others (among whom was their young chief) were in favour of sparing her life, which opinion appeared at length to prevail,