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m with some rags which  
these off I was sure to  
ch, by their corruption,  
nd the cabin.

s had only the bones;  
ir hands entirely wasted  
hem several times; the  
at, every now and then,  
ir so as not to be suffo-  
cher, that I am imposing  
that I add nothing to the  
orrible than I can depict.  
ss a situation like mine  
ings could I not tell you,  
e poor wretched men! I  
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eur Leger went to the spot  
, and I went to the woods  
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e cabin to ask Mr. Furst to  
e wood I had cut; I told  
at I thought I had heard,  
oking out to see whether  
We had scarcely gone two

hundred paces when I perceived several persons; I ran to meet them, and Mr. Furst hastened with this happy news to our sick comrades. When I was near enough to distinguish, I saw an Indian with a woman whom Mr. Leger was bringing along. I spoke to this man; he answered me, and then asked me several questions, which I answered properly. At the sight of our cabin he seemed surprised, and deeply touched at the extremity to which we were reduced; he promised to come back the next day, to go a hunting, and bring us in whatever he killed.

We spent the night in this expectation, and at every moment rendered thanks to Heaven for the relief it had just sent us. Day came, and seemed to bring in the solace which had been promised the day before; but our hopes were deceived; the morning glided away and the Indian did not keep his word. Some flattered themselves that he would come in the afternoon; for my own part, I suspected the cause of his delay; I saw that it would be prudent to go to his cabin, and ask him why he had not come as he had promised, and if he hesitated in his answer, to force him to show us where the boat was in which he had crossed. We started, but judge of our consternation; on our arrival, we found neither the Indian nor his canoe; he had carried it off during the night, and had retired to some place where we could not find him.

To tell you the reason of such a course, I must inform you that the Indians are more fearful of death, and consequently of sickness, than all others. His flight was induced by the excessive fear peculiar to that race; the display of dead bodies, the frightful state of our sick,