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 es; I had only lye to
 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
 le them by the hope of
 a blended my tears with

eur Leger went to the spot
 , and I went to the woods
 rning; I was resting on a
 hen I thought I heard the
 veral times heard the same
 discover whence it came,
 eat attention to it. About
 e cabin to ask Mr. Furst to
 e wood I had cut; I told
 at I thought I had heard,
 ooking 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 extrem-
 ity 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,