

near Bethlehem, our chief settlement in Pennsylvania. Here they built in the year 1757, a place called Nain, where they lived, for some time, in peace. But in the year 1763, the cruel Indian war, which broke out afresh, proved an occasion of new sufferings. Some of the white people were so violently exasperated against the Indians, that they determined to cut off every one of them they could meet with, and actually murdered some poor Indians, not belonging to the Brethren, who were under the protection of the Government in and near the town of Lancaster: Then they took the resolution to cut off all these converted and truly peaceable Indians at Nain. The Governor and Council of Pennsylvania humanely took them under their protection, and as there was no security for them in the country, they were escorted to Philadelphia. At first they were lodged on an island in the river Delaware, contiguous to the city, and afterwards in the barracks, where they remained under the protection of, and were maintained by, the Government till the end of the war. The Missionaries lived there with them, and performed the functions of their ministry, so that the Indians had divine worship the whole time of their stay there. Here the small pox got among them, and, in a short time, by means of this and of other disorders upwards of fifty departed this life in Philadelphia. Their patience and behaviour during all these circumstances was the most convincing proof to all who beheld them, that they were Christians indeed. When the peace with the Indians was concluded, and the rage of the white people abated, they obtained the approbation of the Governor of Pennsylvania, and of the Council of the

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