

out the small remains of my cash, in buying a little victuals, and took a hay-loft for my lodging; I then made my case known to the kind interpreter, and requested him to consider of some means for my relief, who replied he would; in the mean time, as I was taking a walk in the city, I met an Indian prisoner, that belonged to the town where my father lived, who reported, that a great part of the Indians there, were just come, with a resolution to carry me back with them; and knowing him to be a very honest fellow, I believed the truth of it, and fled from the town to be concealed from the Indians; in the mean while, schemes were formed for an escape, and well prosecuted, the issue of which was fortunate. General Vaudriol gave me and my son liberty (under his hand) to go to Quebec; and work there at our pleasure, without confinement, as prisoners of war; by which means, I was freed from paying a ransom.

The commissary, Monsieur Partwe, being about to set off for Quebec, my son informed me that I must come to town in the evening, a passage being provided for us; I waited till near dark, and then entered the town, with great care, to escape the Indians, who kept watch for me (and had done so for some time) which made it very difficult and dangerous to move; however, as they had no knowledge of my son, he could watch their motions, without their suspicion (the providence of God is a great deep; this help was provided for my extremity, not only beyond my expectation, but contrary to my design.) In the morning, upon seeing an Indian set to watch for me, over against the house I was in, I quickly made my escape, through the back part of the house, over some high pickets, and out of the city, to the river side, and fled! A friend knowing my scheme for deliverance, kindly assisted me to conceal myself. The commissary had by this time got ready for his voyage, of which my son giving me notice, I immediately, with no lingering motion, repaired to the boat, was received on board, set off quite undiscovered, and saw the Indians no more! A very narrow and surprising escape, from a violent death! (for they had determined to kill me, in case I ever attempted to leave them;) which lays me under the strongest obliga-