

frequently killed deer, and by that means supplied the company with meat, being almost the only provision they ate, as the flour they took with them was expended.

4th. The path they travelled this morning was but little trodden, which made it difficult for those, who were not acquainted with the woods, to keep in it. They crossed a creek, made up a large fire to warm themselves by, and then separated into two companies, the one taking the Westward Path, with whom were Thomas Peart, Joseph Gilbert, Benjamin Gilbert, jun. and Jesse Gilbert's wife Sarah; the others went more to the north, over rich level land. When evening came, inquiry was made concerning the four captives who were taken in the Westward Path, and they were told, that "These" were killed and scalped, and you may expect the same fate to night." * Andrew Harrigar was so terrified at the threat, that he resolved upon leaving them, and as soon as it was dark, took a kettle with pretence of bringing some water, and made his escape under favour of the night: he was sought after by the Indians as soon as they observed him to be missing.

* Andrew Harrigar endured many hardships in the woods, and at length returned to the settlements, and gave the first authentic intelligence of Benjamin Gilbert and his family to their friends.

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