

the descendants of the once numerous and powerful tribe of the Cohnawahgans—I always found them peaceable and well disposed—sixty years ago they represented their tribe as very numerous, and could then number seven or eight hundred warriors, but since then have suffered greatly from the attacks of other tribes at war with them—that in the contest between Great Britain and America, they were with some few other tribes employed by and took part with the former, while they were opposed by the Onondagoes, Onidas, Senecas, and other tribes, who took part with the Americans; that in several expeditions against these tribes they were unsuccessful, and lost a great number of their best warriors, but whenever successful they never failed to retaliate and to put their prisoners to death in a manner that was attended with the greatest degree of cruelty!

As the forest abounded with a variety of game, and furnished me plentifully with food while my ammunition lasted, I had no occasion to cultivate the land until some time after I had completed my habitation, when I cleared up and planted with vegetables the few rods which I at present improve for that purpose; and with this I am perfectly satisfied, and crave no larger inheritance that this world can afford—for ten years I depended altogether on the game with which my neighboring woods abounded, and the vegetables which my garden produced me, for food, when having made a journey to the States to obtain the proceed of my farm, on my return I purchased me a cow, which I drove home from the distance of fifty miles, and when she became too aged to afford me much milk, I butchered her, and supplied her place with another, and at the present time possess the third, which still yields me a plentiful supply of good milk, and probably will continue so to do as long as I am permitted to live!"

"It is now, as I observed, near fifty years since I first selected this spot as the place of my future abode, and have here dwelt alone and at peace with the world, for I do not know that I have an enemy on earth, and in all this time my health has been remarkably good, having never, as I recollect, experienced a day's sickness, which, perhaps, may be imputed to the temperate manner in which I have lived, having never tasted or craved in the time any other drink than the milk of my cow, or the pure water that