

ing that the injustice did not strike the people of these colonies at the time."

"Melancholy, indeed! Had you seen them as I did, and witnessed the distress of that poor people, when compelled to see their dwellings given to the flames, and their dumb creatures, whom they loved next to themselves, left to perish of starvation; themselves reduced in one day to the situation of of paupers, from a state of plenty and even affluence; and their husbands and wives, parents and children, separated and put into different vessels."

"For what, pray?" asked Mr. Livingston.

"Why, to serve the devil, I suppose; for I never could divine any earthly motive for such needless cruelty; and so blinded and deceived as most of us were, that went to bring them away, why, I tell you truly, that all Sam Cummings was ever worth, would have been no temptation to engage in such an undertaking, had I known the truth. We were told they were the greatest set of white savages that ever existed, and that they set the Indians on to cut the throats of helpless women and children, and offered sacrifice to their images and dead saints, with a hundred other things, quite as ridiculous, and, as I believe, untrue. You can witness with me, dear Sir, that a more peaceable, harmless, and even pious set of persons, never existed, than those who came here, and they are all alike in that; not that they have been happy; the poor souls think now, that they mistook their duty, and that they should have defended their hearths at the point of the bayonet, though in truth to say, I don't know where they would have got bayonets, as their arms had all been taken away, long before; but, at all events, if they had been taken fighting, they think they would have fared like prisoners of war. In this opinion I think they are mistaken; as such was the temper of their oppressors, I think they would