

lame ponies and mules, and gave each man a few old garments scarcely enough to cover him, much less to protect him from the inclement season. A little after sunset they told them to be off, pointing over the hills where they were taken prisoners.

In the lodge where Saxton stopped during the night, while Brown was with him a few moments, an old chief came in with a large packet of papers, evidently robbed from some individual, but he would not suffer him to read any of them except the wrapper, which was of the kind of paper used for envelopes in the War Department, and directed on the envelope:—"Tangawanga, Chief of the Otto Nation." The Indian then opened the package, and took out a passport from the United States, and a large paper having ten or twelve seals on it, opposite to which were many signatures, a large paper resembling a deed, and a French passport; he then folded them all up, after pointing to the coat of arms on each, but would not suffer them to be investigated; putting them all into the envelope, laid them under his thigh, gave a contemptuous laugh, and soon left the lodge. The party travelled till one o'clock at night without a drop of water, on the day they left the village on the open prairie, taking as their guide the north star, and going in an easterly direction.

The Doctor was very much indisposed, owing to the violent blows he had received. Soon after the party were out of sight of the village, the smoke behind told them that their enemies had fired the prairie, and all that day the wind drove the fire hard upon the party, and at night the flames of the tall grass were seen behind them mingling with the horizon, giving it the appearance of an ocean of fire. One of the party kept watch while the others slept, or rather dozed.

Next morning, taking a bite of raw corn, they continued their course north-east; the party and poor animals suffering extreme want of water. About ten o'clock they found a stagnant pool, where all the party were once more sensible of the watchful care of Divine Providence. They continued on in the same direction till three o'clock, when the party struck a deep ravine and began to follow it, but they had only proceeded a short distance when the Doctor discovered two Indians far in the distance to the south-east; the parties stopped, concealed themselves in the ravine, Brown crept to the bank to watch their movements—the Indians advanced a little, then stopped. The Doctor then prepared to retreat and change the course of