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ceived he was very much displeased ; for he had met with no success in his hunting expedition ; and so strongly did his disappointment work upon him, that he began to revenge it on us his captives. He allowed me, however, a little boiled corn for myself and child ; but looking upon us with a very angry countenance, he threw a stick at me with so much violence, as plainly demonstrated that he grudged us the food we had received from him.

Hereupon his squaw and daughter broke forth in a violent fit of crying : which occasioned me to fear that some mischief was intended against us ; and in consequence of this I instantly withdrew from his presence into another wigwam. He soon followed me ; and in great fury tore my blanket from my back ; then taking my little boy from me, he knocked him down as he went along before him. But the poor child, not being hurt, but only frightened with the fall, started up, and ran away without crying.

My master then left us ; but his wife's mother came and sat down by me, telling me I must sleep there that night. After this she went out for a while, and then returned with a small skin to cover my feet ; giving me to understand withal, that my master was now determined to kill us.

I was very desirous to know the cause of this determination ; urging to her that I had been very diligent, during his absence, to do as he had ordered me : and in the best manner I was able endeavoured to make her sensible how unreasonable he was ; although we had no other means of making ourselves intelligible to each other