

First I was engaged by him to dress a quantity of Flax, which I did in  
 about a month, and then took leave of Virginia and came to Baltimore  
 County where I spent all the ensuing Summer, labouring some time for  
Richard Blood, then with one M. Donald or Donalson's Fulber, and for some  
 Days with Darby (Jool a Shoemaker who has but one Leg, when he had no more  
 business for me I engaged to grub and to seek a piece of Meadow for Jos.  
Benshaw, who lives about a Mile from Abmore's Mill, and entered into  
 Bond for the due performance of my Contract within a certain limited time  
 while I was making this Meadow I married Elizabeth the Daughter of one  
William Deale who dwelt at that time in the Stony Parish, near Jacob Bull's  
 Mill, but she lived as a Servant with one John Sawmyle on a plantation  
 that he rented of John Wingard, and that lies near Abraham Ferrard's, for  
 about 3 Months I laboured hard in hopes of being able to make the Meadow  
 according to Agreement, but finding it impossible at the end of that time  
Benshaw at the same time threatened me with the penalty of the Bond  
 I went off to York soon afterwards, and Lieutenant Muller a tall  
 Gentleman somewhat advanced in Years being recruiting there I was enlisted  
 by him for Captain Clark's Company, and was soon after sent to Fort Cumberland  
Colonel Tamm was then Commander in chief at that Fort, and Captain Rutherford  
 commanded under him, I was there when your Excellency arrived just before  
 Christmas but was then meditating my Escape, being determined to return  
 if possible back to my Wife, I fled into one of the neighbouring provinces &  
 send for her thither. One Hancock who lived with Gerrard Pindgraft of Hay's  
 Town came frequently among us and as I apprehended he was well  
 acquainted with all that part of the Country, I entered into Conversation with  
 him on that Subject, and from him learnt that there was a path from Fort  
Cumberland thro' Hay's Town to Pensylvania behind any of the Maryland  
 Settlements. being thus advised I deserted in the Month of January with  
 one Willby Willet of Captain Rutherford's Company intending to go thro'  
Hay's Town and pursue the Road that Hancock had described to us. We  
 had not got more than a Mile or two before Willet deserted, and returned  
 again as I apprehend to his post, I soon after missed my way and  
 travelled 9 Days without getting as I afterwards understood more than  
 20 Miles from the Fort, and the Weather being very severe one of my Feet  
 was frost bitten, and I was ready to perish with Cold and Hunger, when