

I discovered a Dutch, and going up to it found one Shishing Paulby a Delaware Indian and his Daughter sitting by a fire, and three Beavers standing by them. I acquainted the Indians with my miserable Condition, and intreated him to carry me to some English Settlement. he told me that he was just come from Fort Cumberland where he had been selling some Skins to Captain Trott, said he must now make the bed of his May beaver but told me that if I would go to his Cabin, he would give me Victuals, and something to cure my Sore, and that when he should have Occasion to go again to Fort Cumberland or any of the English Settlements he would take me with him. I embraced his Offer mounted one of the Horses, and went with him to his Cabin which stood on a River Run, that flows into the Allegany River about 25 Miles above Fort du Querne, I was a good while before I recovered the Use of my Limbs, or was able to walk but as soon as I could go abroad, the Indian made me cut Wood for him, dig some Ground, and plant Corn, and treated me in every Respect as his Servant still promising me however to carry me with him when his Business should call him to the Fort Cumberland or among the English. Last July was Sweetenmouth Shishing was informed by an Indian that came from the Battle, that the English Army had been defeated, and that all the Indians had thereupon declared for the French. This News he immediately made me acquainted with, and then told me that as his Nation would for the future be always at War with the English he should not go to Fort Cumberland again, or trade any longer with them, and that I must become his Slave he having a Right to me for having saved my Life. Within a few Days he packed up his Household Stuff, buried some of it, and removed with the rest and all his Family to Pittsburg, where we stayed a few Days, and then went over the Allegany River to an Indian Town in a Rivulet that runs into Beaver Creek, having hunted in that part of the Country three or four Weeks, he and several other Indians of that Town went out to War they were absent about a Month and brought back with them, a Woman a Girl, and two small Children that they had taken prisoners on Juniata River after he returned from this Expedition we went to hunt for Skunkshie Creek, and as soon as the hard Weather broke up he went to Venango to dispose of his Skins carrying me and his Family with him, having spent 6. or 7. Days at Venango, he came again to Pittsburg staying three or four Days by the Way at a Place called the Sicks, a Month or five Weeks

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