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They were to attempt an escape. Their work of accomplishment, they would disappear as they usually say they had come, only to await an opportunity to return to the slaughter.

Many were thoroughly made to cover their faces with mud, and to wear the most filthy trousers. The wary captain was ever on watch, and too well informed of their movements by his scouts, to allow himself to be led into trouble. A large reward was offered for him if alive, and the British officers de-tained of him, and his only, a noble station, his name and rank on the notice, and of some persons who would bring them the much of animal.

Exasperated beyond measure by the reproaches of Captain Mack, a large number of captives were despatched by the commandant

company, numbering about 100, set out with express determination of exterminating the

An easy march of one day brought them to Weston bridge, where they halted and made of every endeavor to elicit information of the hiding places. The poor boys and women of the profligate tribes, although threatened death, would give no satisfactory information whereabout, but used their best endeavors to throw on a serious aspect.

Cap. Ford, presuming that he was at a considerable distance, concluded to halt for the

The horses, knee banded, were turned out in a field about 50 rods distant, and after taken the precaution to place two sentinels out, to guard against surprise, the party up their quarters in the old mill, and were sleeping soundly after their fatiguing ride.

Hank, who had received intelligence of the movements of the enemy from one of his men who had been watching them closely, was at hand, and knowing that it would be necessary to attack a force so greatly superior in numbers, he was determined to make a desperate

movements, if not rendering further pursu

After all was quiet, sufficient time was allowed to elapse for all the occupants of the mill to go to sleep, when three picked men crept stealthily along the earth, and disappeared in the shadow cast by the mill and the tall pole which surrounded it on three sides. The three continued to pace backward and forward in front of the mill, stopping as they met to change a few words, the night air being damp and chilly, they proposed taking a poll as to their course, by way of a prearrangement against the possibility of a surprise attack.

just about to drink a confession to captain B
when the canteens were dashed from the

"Tell your master," said one of the men, "that Captain Hank has paid him a visit, finding him asleep, thought he would not let him sleep, but will be happy to meet him."

, to ride over." The band proceeded at once to the field, and as the sun rose on the hill

The surprise of Capt. Ford, when he learned that all his horses had been stolen, can be easily imagined than described; but when the culprits were found, and Capt. Hank's polite sage delivered, his rage knew no bounds. A tirade of the curses which were heaped so richly upon poor Hank's offending head, had, in effect, he would have been in but a second ready to smother the red coats more.

the horses: but the sun was sinking below western horizon when they crossed to the

Without having discovered the slightest of their rat/cat.

Knowing that in his present condition, his search must prove fruitless, burning with rage and disappointment, Ford determined to make his stop as far as Brunswick, for the purpose of obtaining a supply of horses.

Here was a pretty predicament for an old man of his Majesty's Dragons to be placed in.

person he was most anxious to meet; de-

of his horse, and compelled to trudge on foot, across a rugged and hostile country, reprimanded by his superiors, and ridiculed by his inferiors. He knew that his reputation as an officer would receive a severe blow, if he came to report the failure of the expedition (its immediate cause); and being in no fit state to meet the glances and jeers of his brother officers, he made no great haste to reach his quarters.

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being apprehended, the party was untied long without regard to order. Capt. Ford is a degenerate ruffian, was some years in the rear, when just as he reached the bridge or the Three Mile Run, three mounted men sprang from a thicket in the side of the road and a twinkling Ford was seized and thrown on the ground, the driver of the black horse, and hurried into the woods.

He was carried back to Warren, and lodged in a garret, where he was exhibited to a man who came to watch Captain Hawk.

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