

We reached the Indian settlement at Wio-  
ming: and here we were told, that an In-  
dian runner had been at that place a day or  
two before us, and brought news of the In-  
dians taking an English fort westward, and  
destroying the people, and that they were  
endeavouring to take another; and also, that  
another Indian runner came there about the  
middle of the night before we got there,  
who came from a town about ten miles  
above Wehaloofing, and brought news, that  
some Indian warriors, from distant parts,  
came to that town with two English scalps;  
and told the people, that it was war with  
the English.

Our guides took us to the house of a very  
antient man; and soon after we had put in  
our baggage, there came a man from ano-  
ther Indian house some distance off; and I  
perceiving there was a man near the door,  
went out; and he having a tomahawk  
wrapped under his matchcoat out of sight,  
as I approached him, he took it in his hand;  
I, however, went forward, and speaking to  
him in a friendly way perceived he under-  
stood some English: my companion then  
coming out, we had some talk with him  
concerning the nature of our visit in these  
parts; and then he going into the house  
with us, and talking with our guides, soon  
appeared friendly, and sat down and smoak-  
ed his pipe. Tho' his taking his hatchet in  
his hand at the instant I drew near to him,