

73 I therefore put them both in some of the best of the pasture & let the calf suck the cow & have all the Milk thinking that it would reconcile them to the place - I laid myself down to sleep as it was now night & arose sometime before the sun shed forth her Morning beams but to my behold to my great surprise disappointment & Chagrin - the cow & calf had taken their departure not leaving a single trace of their track behind them.

I followed them in a direction I thought they were likely to pursue but all to no purpose over hill & Dale I traversed asking every one I met concerning them but all to no purpose & tired weary & dejected in mind I returned to my cabin but having business to do at Apawotamee - As soon as I had eaten my breakfast I walked over to that settlement but not being able to settle my business with any degree of satisfaction I returned back with an heavy heart the next day was Sunday & on the Monday ^{early} in the Morning I started on my journey to the residence of the gentleman of whom I purchased the lost cattle but soon a violent storm came on with blackness & darkness all around so that I could ~~not~~ discern the road & consequently wandered a mile to much west till I reached the house of a person I knew