

least inclination to have done me an injury either in my
person or property they had it in their power, I had no means
of defending myself against them. I had it in two two towing
pieces with me but they were both unloaded. Whetton knew
this for he had several times discharged them so that these
would only have served to strengthen the temptation: for
if any thing would tempt the natives it would be a musket,
they are so very fond of articles of this kind they will almost
give any thing for them. But I slept secure, and felt happy
that God had been pleased for some good purpose as I trusted,
to send me amongst them. However weak my talents, and myself
altho' sinful and defiled, I still pray ^{that} God will for the
sake of his own Great Name, make me useful in religion. The
glad news of this salvation amongst this benighted people. In
the morning about an early hour we hastened to the wood. Ahouakke
and the men he had with him there with all possible despatch conveyed
two good spaws to the Waterside. This was attended with much
labour as the timber lay at a distance of two or three hundred
yards from the River. But there stood active men soon cleared
space for it and drew it along, and I, Whetton, Ahouakke,
Leetopidde and some others proceeded to the vessel with
the spaw which we had procured and about half past ten
o'clock in the evening we finished our excursion. For these
two spaws Ahouakke received two tokens and it was agreed
upon that he should return to the wood and procure as
many more as he could, and convey them to the vessel
in the course of a few days. The wood was fourteen miles or
upward from the River. Loads of excellent pine are to be found there,
one piece which the natives had cut down measured nearly 90 feet in length.