

APPENDIX VI.

PENELOPE STOUT'S ADVENTURES WITH THE INDIANS.

WHILE New York was in possession of the Dutch, about the time of the Indian War in New England, a Dutch ship coming from Amsterdam was stranded on Sandy Hook, but the passengers got on shore. Among them was a young Dutchman who had been sick most of the voyage. He was taken so bad after landing that he could not travel; and the other passengers being afraid of the Indians, would not stay till he recovered, but made what haste they could to New Amsterdam. His wife however would not leave him; the rest promised to send as soon as they arrived: They had not been long gone before a company of Indians, coming down to the water side, discovered them on the beach, and hastening to the spot, soon killed the man, and cut and mangled the woman in such a manner that they left her for dead. She had strength enough to crawl up to some old logs not far distant, and getting into a hollow one, lived mostly in it for several days, subsisting in part by eating the exerescences that grew from it. The Indians had left some fire on the shore, which she kept together for warmth: having remained in this manner for some time, an old Indian and a young one coming down to the beach found her; they were soon in high words, which she afterwards understood was a dispute; the former being for keeping her alive, the other for dispatching: After they had debated the point a while, the first hastily took her up, and tossing her upon his shoulder, carried her to a place near where Middletown now stands, where he dressed her wounds and soon cured her: After some time the Dutch at New Amsterdam, hearing of a white woman among the Indians, concluded who it must be, and some of them came to her relief. The old man her preserver gave her the choice either to go or stay; she chose the first! A while after marrying to one Stout, they lived together at Middletown among other Dutch inhabitants. The old Indian who saved her life used frequently to visit her; at one of his visits she observed him to be more pensive than common, and sitting down he gave three heavy sighs; after the last she thought herself at liberty to ask him what was the