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On July 1st, 1874, at about four o'clock, P. M., Charlie
Walter, the latter about six years old, son of Christian K. Ross, were
from the sidewalk in front of their father's residence, in Washington
Germanstown; they were gone in a hurry. Walter was carried about five
miles, and there left upon the ground; but of Charlie no subsequent trace
has been obtained; it is earnestly solicited that every one, who shall receive this
circular, make diligent inquiry, and promptly furnish any information ob-
tained, and if the child be found, ensure the detection of the parties having
him in custody.

This circular must not be posted up, and care must be exercised, that
suspicious persons do not obtain access to it.

Members of the press are specially requested to refrain from publishing the
investigations hereafter given, so that the parties having the child in custody
may not obtain the means of tracing him regarding his movements thence.

On the discovery of any child, who shall be suspected of being the lost
one, a photograph should be immediately obtained, if possible, and forwarded,
and photographs of the persons will be sent for identification by the child.

\$20,000 REWARD has been offered for the recovery of the child,
and conviction of the kidnappers; all claims in which, however, will be re-
sponded in favor of the parties giving the information, which shall lead to this
result.

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Corrections to George C. Williston's article, "Desperation on the Western Pennsylvania Frontier: A 1781 Petition to Congress for More Effective Defense," which appeared in volume 67, number 2, spring 2000.

1. The first sentence should read ten thousand rather than one thousand people living west of the mountains.
2. p. 299, line 5 — replace "sighed" with "signed"
3. p. 311, line 3 — William Crawford did not massacre Indians, although his death by torture may have resulted because his second-in-command, Colonel Williamson, was involved in the Gnadenhütten Massacre.

The editor assumes responsibility for these mistakes, none of which is the fault of Mr. Williston.