

champion who was to encounter the youthful Ottoman.

Achmet was not more grieved than astonished at this unexpected information, 'How!' said he, 'is it thus we meet? Is this the end of our boasted friendship?'

'Achmet,' said Doria, 'thou hast given me life and freedom; but, by thy hand, am I deprived of an honoured fire.' Without loss of time, he then acquainted him with the oath he had taken to revenge the death of Savelli.

'For that purpose,' said he, 'do we meet: this arm must avenge the blood of a father, or perish in the attempt; one of us must fall; let heaven then decide the cause between us.'

Achmet, who loved Doria with the purest esteem, with inexpressible grief heard him speak thus; his heart sickened at the thought of raising his sword against one whom he so entirely loved. In vain did he endeavour to exculpate himself, by avowing that the fatal blow was given in defence of a parent; Doria knew it; his reason acquitted Achmet, but his affection found him guilty.

'Cruel fate!' said Achmet, finding Doria's resolution unshaken, 'that bursts asunder the bands with which friendship had so firmly tied our hearts.'

Then Doria having made a sign to a band of trusty soldiers, who awaited his commands near the spot, he caused them to bind themselves by a solemn oath, that if the sword of Achmet prevailed, they should instantly give him safe conduct back to the Ottoman camp. Then drawing their swords, with a reluctance they had before never known, they prepared for combat. Achmet for some time acted

solely upon the defensive; but finding that the Venetian fought his life, by degrees he grew warm, and made several dangerous passes at Doria, which were returned by the Venetian. For a time the advantage was equal—fortune seemed to declare in favour of neither; at length a mortal wound which Doria received, turned the balance in favour of the Mahometan.

'All is over,' said Doria, as he fell; 'my father! accept the blood of thy son, as an atonement for that which he has failed to spill.'—'Achmet,' said he, stretching out his hand to the youth, who hung over him, lost in grief, 'retain me in your remembrance, as one whom fate, not inclination, made your foe.' Then addressing the troops, who on this melancholy termination of the combat had drawn nigh, and stood round with countenances impressed with the deepest sorrow—he renewed his charge to them of conducting Achmet in safety to the Mahometan camp, and expired.

Achmet, overwhelmed with the deepest grief, was conducted by the Venetian soldiers (who religiously performed the dying orders of their officer) to the Turkish camp; while others conveyed the corpse of the unfortunate Venetian from the fatal spot, and bore the melancholy tidings of his death to the camp.

Thus fell the valiant Doria, a martyr to the unjust and implacable resentment of his Sire; who, to indulge the basest of passions, cut off, in the flower of his age, the sole surviving branch that remained to perpetuate his name, and to transmit his valour to succeeding generations.

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## THE NEGRO EQUALLED BY FEW EUROPEANS.

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'IT was easy for me to conceal myself during the day in the neighbourhood. I felt that by this journey the dangers of Amelia were increased; yet the circumstance animated my hopes. The mountains offered an asylum for her. The situation favoured me. Could I once inform her where I was, I should have no fear. She might find a favourable occasion: the first signal would find me ready. How strangely were circumstances playing with us! In the same place were assembled, without their having the least suspicion of it, three persons who, on the

whole earth, had the greatest interest in meeting with each other! Ah! what had I not dared, had I known you were near me!

'During the first night, all seemed quiet in the house. With my utmost diligence I could not discover the apartment in which Amelia was placed. On the following night, I perceived, though extremely late, a light in one of the chambers. I set danger at defiance, without first weighing the necessity of it; for I saw that I must place some confidence in chance, if I would serve Amelia. I approached