

ing a mock bow as he ceased speaking, said, bravo, Hewit, you've not forgot to carry a high head yet, but it will be high enough when you swing from the limb of some tall pine; but to make my errand known, that I may take myself and you off, I have orders from the magistrates to arrest all traitors, and I arrest you in the Queen's name; and it will go hard, or rather luckily, with you if you don't swing, so come along, my highflyer, or I'll show you I have the power to bring you, glancing at some half dozen followers who had evidently been well treated, and were half seas over. They were, moreover, men of the lowest order, and little known to Hewit. Bertram well knew the errand on which he came, and knew that if he had brought respectable men they would not have seen Hewit abused. Harry spoke a moment with some of those who had been trying to prevent his arrest. They advised him to go, and likely the court would liberate him when they heard his circumstances. Bertram would fain have bound him, but the sight of a brace of pistols in Harry's pockets deterred him.

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## CHAPTER XXIII.

### EXAMINATION, REVELATION, AND JUSTIFICATION.

As Harry walked along, for he refused to ride, his reflections were not of a kind to elevate mankind generally, in his estimation. He, whose conduct had always been unimpeachable, who might well have been held up as an example to all who knew him, was first arrested on a charge of the most heinous nature, and though now he had the means of clearing himself of that charge he was arrested for treason; he who had run risks, and performed services of no mean order, in defence of his country, and principles, while others; who now arrested, and were to try him had remained snugly at home, until they saw which was the strongest party. Was there such a thing as justice in the world? If so, why was he thus used? Rousing himself at length from those misanthropic reflections, he saw a brighter future in the distance.

When they reached the village, where the magistrates