

but she did know that she was not really their daughter, and that her real name was Noble.

Frances was too timid to speak for herself; but the ladies in the nunnery remonstrated, and with civility entreated the man not to molest Mademoiselle, and to leave the house. But Arnold was not to be diverted from his purpose. He had frequently been employed on similar missions, and had shown himself well calculated for the employment. He was secret, persevering, and resolute; he had already been some days in Montreal without exciting any suspicion of his business. He had ascertained where the captive was to be found, he had procured the necessary powers to secure her, and he had now made his approach to the nunnery with a sergent and a file of soldiers.

The nuns were very unwilling to give up their pupil; they were attached to her, they were afraid of offending Monsieur de Sainte Auge, and they were quite uncertain as to the truth of Arnold's story; they therefore prolonged the time as much as possible, and sent word to Monsieur de Sainte Auge what had occurred, hoping that he would be able to detain his adopted daughter. But Arnold did not choose to wait for his arrival; he again claimed Frances Noble in the Governor's name, adding that if she were not immediately given up to him, he must order his soldiers to take her from the nunnery by force. The nuns dared not refuse, and Frances was delivered up to him. She accompanied Arnold to the gate, but as she parted with her companions and the nuns who had been so kind to her, and felt herself in the power of a strange man and a party of soldiers, she was overwhelmed with fear and sorrow, and she sunk on the ground.

The unusual sight of soldiers at the gates of the nunnery had already caused a crowd to collect, and now the cries and lamentations which the unfortunate girl uttered, attracted several well-dressed people to the place, and amongst them an English officer, who as soon as he understood the cause of the disturbance, in a kind

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