ould think so too, at all he, at which we both of us

ange thing now," said I. least afraid with you, yet un from the Misses Grant. id of your cousin too." any man will be afraid led. "My father is afraid

her father brought me to ed at her as she walked recalled the man and the aring the one with the traitor to be silent. which," said I, "I met ter than this morning. he cried, with a voice of ed to mock at me. "You pre? You will have spoken

hat," said I. at was humanly possible.

look of mere gratitude. for that!" says she. me for very little," said I ed. But it seemed when ack so much someth come out. "I spoke rath-" said I. "I did not like I spoke him rather ill.

ary."
had little to do then, and his daughter!" she cried that do not love and vill not know." the freedom of a word ing to tremble. "Perur father nor I are in the



its at Prestongranges. dangerous house. I was too, and spoke to him the not have spoken the wiser. thing, in my opinion, you that his affairs are mend-

through your friendg," said she, "and he up to you for your sorrow."
amond," cried I, "I am

not wondering at that," peak!" said I. "I will once and then leave you, ever. I came this day in and word that I am sore low that what I said and I knew it then. easy to have spo lie to you. Can you not tempted to the same? the truth of my heart

is a great deal of work. aid she. "I think we the once, and well can folk."

that I had made to my own me

ave one to believe in me!" annae bear it else. The is clanned against me. through with my dread-re's to be none to believe ot do it. The man must

cannot do it."
Il looked straight in front air, but at my words or voice she came to a stop. s you say?" she asked. talking of?"

estimony which may save te," said I, "and they will bear it. What would You know what this lies in danger. Would poor soul? They have with me. They have me; they offered me hills I today that sleuth hound go to butcher and dis-to be brought. stood and to what a to be brought in a party am to have held Glenure ey and old clothes; I am l, and me scarce a man-ry to be told of me in all are to believe it, too, , how can I go through hing is not possible. an has in his heart." rds out in a whirl, one

and when I stopped I g on me with a startled

is the Appin murder," but with a very deep sur-

back to bear her company, by come near the head of Dean village. At this in front of her like one ake," I cried, "for God's

is that I have done?" and to my temples. "What Sure, I am bewitched to

of heaven, what ails you

nonor," I groaned; "I gave now I have broke it. Oh,

you what it is," she said. things you should not And do you think I have , or that I am one that s friend? I hold up my

has it been contrived?"

"My dear Mr. David," said he, "it would never do for me to divulge, even to yon, as you say, the councils of the government, and you must content yourself, if you please, with the gross fact."

He smiled upen me like a father as he spoke, playing the while with a new pen; methought it was impossible there could be any shadow of deception in the man; yet when he drew to him a sheet of paper, dipped his pen into the ink and began again to address me I was somehow not so certain and fell instinctively into an attitude of guard.

"There is a point necessary to be touched upon," he began. "I purposely left it before upon one side, which need be now no longer necessary. This is not of course a part of your examination, which is to follow by another hand. ou and swear."
you would be true," said
is here. I that stood but
and outfaced them; that
to die disgraced upon the
o wrong—and a few hours

after I throw my honor away by the roadside in common talk! "There is one thing clear upon our interview,' says he, that I can rely on your pledged word.' Where is my word now? Who could be

who crowded to attend upon these be ties, and though I was presented to of them in very good words it seen I was by all immediately forgotten. had a manner of handling their swo and coat skirts for the which (in m black envy) I could have kicked the from that park. I days say upon black envy) I could have kicked them from that park. I dare say upon their side they grudged me extremely the fine company in which I had arrived, and altogether I had soon fallen behind and stepped stiffly in the rear of all that merriment with my own thoughts.

From these I was recalled by one of

From these I was recalled by one of the officers—Lieutenant Hector Dun-cansby—a gawky, leering highland boy, asking if my name was not "Palfour." I told him it was, not very kindly, for the manner was scent civil

was but newly ready.

"Aha," says Prestongrange, "you are very fine today. My misses are to have a fine cavalier. Come, I take that kind of you. I take that kind of you, Mr. David. Oh, we shall do very well yet, and I believe your troubles are nearly at an end."

"Ha, Palfour," says he, and then repeating it, "Palfour! Palfour!"

"I am afraid you do not like my name, sir," says I, annoyed with myself to be annoyed with such a rustical fellow.

"Before I went about to put affronts on gentlemen I think I would learn the English language first."

He took me by the sleeve with a nod and a wink and led me quietly outside Hope park. But no sooner were we beyond the view of the promenaders than the fashion of his countenance changed. "You tam lowland scoon'rel," cries he, and hit me a buffet on the jaw with his closed fist. an end."

"You have news for me?" cried I.

"Beyond anticipation," he replied.

"Your testimony is, after all, to be received, and you will go, if you will, in my company to the trial, which is to be held at Inverary, Thursday, 21st prox."

I was too much amazed to find words.

"In the meanwhile," he continued, "though I will not ask you to renew your pledge, I must caution you strictly to be reticent. Tomorrow the crown solicitor is to take your precognition, and outside of that, do you know, I think least said will be sognest mended."

"I shall try to go discreetly," said I. "I believe it is yourself that I must thank for this crowning mercy, and I do thank you gratefully. After yesterday, my lord, this is like the doors of heaven. I cannot find it in my heart to get the thing believed."

closed fist.

I paid him as good or better on the return, whereupon he stepped a little back and took off his hat to me decorously.

I cannot find it in my heart to get the thing believed."

"Ah, but you must try and manage; you must try and manage to believe it," says he, soothinglike, "and I am very glad to hear your acknowledgment of obligation, for I think you may be able to repay me very shortly"—he coughed—"or even now. The matter is much changed. Your testimony, which I shall not trouble you for today, will doubtless alter the complexion of the case for all concerned, and this makes it less delicate for me to enter with you on a side issue."

"My lord," I interrupted, "excuse me for interrupting you, but how has this been brought about? The obstacles you told me of on Saturday appeared, even to me, to be quite insurmountable; how has it been contrived?"

"My dear Mr. David," said he, "it

on say you encountered Breck upon to stand up before "shentlemans" when I did not know the back of a sword from the front of it.

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Fraser and Mr. Erskine, sheriff of Perth, and as they were met in consultation on the very business of the Appin murder they were a little disturbed at my appearance, but decided to receive me.

"Well, well, Mr. Balfour, and what brings you here again, and who is this you bring with you" says Prestongrange. As for Fraser, he looked before him on the table.

"He is here to bear a little testimony in my favor, my lord, which I think it very needful you should hear," said I, and turned to Duncansby.

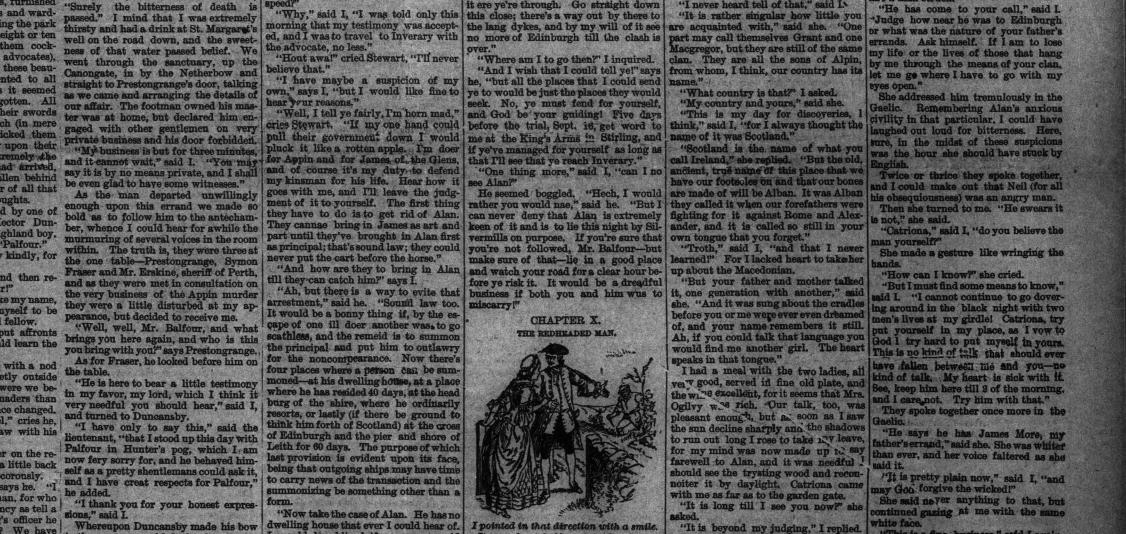
"I have only to say this," said the lieutenant, "that I stood up this day with Palfour in Hunter's pog, which I am now fery sorry for, and he behaved him, self as a pretty shentlemans could ask it, and I have creat respects for Palfour," he added.

"I thank you for your honest expres-

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enemy. Ye're not to be tried then, and ye're not to be murdered, but I'm in bitter error if ye're not to be kidnapped and carried away like the Lady Grange. Bet me what ye please—there was their error if ye're not to a string of the lady Grange.

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breed she was of, and that was a breed of thieves, I could never look in Catriona's face and disbelieve her.

| behind me as I went. This was the cause, under Providence, that I spied a little in my rear a red head among some of thieves, I could never look in Catriona's face and disbelieve her.

"I must not ask?" says she eagerly the same moment we were left alone.

farewell to Alan, and it was needful I should see the trysting wood and reconnoiter it by daylight. Catriona came with me as far as to the garden gate.

"It is long till I see you now?" she

said it.

"It is pretty plain now," said I, "and may Goo. forgive the wicked!"

She said never anything to that, but continued gazing at me with the same white face.