

major's commission about twelve months before. On the day after the major's arrival, the command of the regiment was given over by Colonel T. upon parade; and upon the departure of the latter, every soldier in the corps, proceeded to see him on board. This mark of attachment drew tears from the eyes of his amiable lady, and it was not until the vessel which bore them from us, was so far that nothing on board could be distinguished, that we no longer beheld her snowy scarf, waving her seductory signal in the trade-wind's breeze. 'Twas then that many a heart-felt prayer ascended to the "Throne of Grace" for their safe passage over the treacherous deep, and for the Colonel's speedy restoration to health. We then felt that our best friend had left us.

"Major Daley's first acts after the departure of Colonel Thoroughgood, were such as to prove that the accounts which had been received concerning him were far from having been exaggerated. Every succeeding day found some poor wretch almost suffocated in the cells, writhing under the torture of the lash; every thing tended to shew him up to view as a cold-blooded, heartless tyrant, and many a poor soldier who called to mind the goodness of him from whom they had lately parted, could not forbear drawing a striking contrast between the tyranny of the one and the mild and gentle sway of the other; indeed those who had seen the—and on the day the Colonel left, and about three months afterwards, could not have recognised the manly and upright bearing of a man at that period, in the stealthy paces and care-worn visages which now every where presented themselves.

"Added to the other detestable qualities of Major Daley, he was a professed libertine, and could it be wondered that the innocent beauty of Mrs. Osborne soon attracted his libidinous gaze. Alas! that it should have fallen to my lot to have found such a compound of villainy and lasciviousness as I have to relate dwelling in the breast of one who wore the British uniform: but so it was. He made several overtures to this virtuous young woman, which were at the first modestly, yet firmly repulsed; but he still continued to annoy her with his disgusting advances, and her pride—the pride of honest indignation, of womanly virtue, was roused, and she repelled his offers with the utmost disdain. But he was not to be so easily deterred in his pernicious purposes. One night when serjeant Osborne was on guard, the Major bribed the wife of one of his servants to bring Mrs. Osborne to her hut, which was lo-

cated in the vicinity of his quarters. Accordingly, having received her cue, the wretch invited the innocent and unsuspecting victim to tea; she at first refused, but at length, having been over-persuaded, she consented, taking the little Constance with her, more to get rid of the woman's importunity, than with any desire to leave her own room, for the purpose of gossip. Scarcely had they been seated when Daley entered, and began to assail her virtuous ears with ribaldry and coarse language. Mrs. Osborne evidently felt uneasy, but determined to hide her emotions, when the other woman rising left the hut upon some trifling pretence. Mrs. O. now began to perceive her danger, and was rising to depart, when Daley, seizing her in his arms, began by imprinting several kisses on her lips. She shrieked aloud, and disengaging herself from his embrace, ran to the door—it was locked on the outside, and finding too late that she had been led into a snare, she stood petrified with terror. At length Daley approaching told her that she was in his power, and that she might as well submit; 'else,' added he, 'force shall accomplish what your fastidiousness would deny me.' 'The poor creature fell upon her knees, and pointing to her child, whose smile would have turned a savage from his purpose, begged him for her sake to have mercy—but mercy was a feeling which had never found a harbour in the breast of Daley, and the lovely and innocent wife of Osborne was near falling a victim to the lust of this monster, when the door was suddenly burst open, and wild with rage, the injured husband stood between the major and his intended victim. Drawing his sword he made a sudden rush at the major, but the latter stepping aside, the point of the weapon entered the wall and was shivered in pieces. Daley did not, however, escape; the infuriated young man, who was of a powerfully athletic and muscular frame, proceeded to inflict upon him a severe corporeal chastisement; but this cost him dear. Taking his almost fainting wife by the arm he led her to their room, and instead of returning to his guard, remained with her for the space of an hour, during which period she had a rapid succession of fainting fits, which reduced her to such a condition that she immediately took to her bed in a state of high fever, which terminated in delirium.

"Meantime the villainous cause of all this trouble, having arrived at his quarters, sent for the Adjutant, and the latter having obeyed the summons, they proceeded together to the main guard-room. Daley immediately inquired for