

miles and watch the movements of other travelers, especially such a one as the simple Aberdeenshire carrier in whom he was at the present time chiefly interested. His vigilance was presently rewarded by the appearance of the covered cart about a mile ahead of him. Through the streets of the quaint town of Linlithgow, past the Old Palace and Loch, and the beautiful Chapel Royal, the two passed, a space of about a quarter of a mile intervening between them, then out again into the open country, through Falkirk to Stirling, which was reached just at sunset. There was nothing about the carrier or his humble equipage to excite the curiosity of the government men who were out in considerable numbers in the streets, and so Charles Leslie proceeded to the western outskirts, where he found a resting-place for the night. Kilgour, when he noted the place, returned to an inn in the town, where he stayed until morning. For a day and a half he kept the cart in view until Perth was reached, where the utmost care had to be used lest he should lose his quarry or allow himself to be discovered. By dint of a careful system of espionage he learned that Leslie would stay for a day or two in the "Fair City," and his vigilance was redoubled. On more than one occasion the two were on the eve of meeting; Kilgour, ever on the alert, managed, however, to avoid collision.

His hour had not yet come. In the gloaming of the second day after their arrival in Perth, Charles set out to fulfil his chief's wishes and to hand over the letters given to him to their respective owners, the young lady guests at Luncearty House. Close behind him came his crafty enemy, keeping well out of sight, but all on the "qui vive" to discover young Leslie's destination.

When he saw the "soi-disant" carrier turn in at the entrance gates and proceed up the avenue to the mansion house, his brain began to work actively and the idea came