

chief of the police-gang appeared captain Liver, a Botany Bay convict, who had made his escape in one of the country-ships from New South Wales, and who, being tinged with crimes of various dyes had been, according to the proverb "set a thief to catch a thief," exalted to the dignity of principal catchpole in this fortunate island of ours. The rest of the forces were men of no note or name, but formed a crowd to fill the ranks, and overawe resistance; for the garrison that possessed the fortress they had to reduce was certainly formidable, consisting of Louisa herself, her female domestic, and poor Pat.

Thus having described the combatants, proceed we to the details of the action. Be it remembered, however, beforehand, that in order to sanction their proceedings with some colour of justice, they had got *the swearer* aforesaid to take one of his glib oaths, that certain papers were missing from the office in the East India Company's establishment in which S—— had presided, and that he had reason to believe they were stolen by the said S—— and were concealed in his dwelling house. Although most of the agents of the honourable the East India Company in this island are magistrates, yet as they sometimes, (not always) care for appearances, they judged it most expedient to employ one of their tools of magistrates, not immediately connected with them, but known to be entirely subservient to them in consequence of the valuable business which a near relation of his, as a lawyer, transacts for the Company. The deposition above stated having been made before this tool, pray admire the constitutional knowledge, and profound veneration for the law of England which this magistrate evinces, who thereupon issues his warrant to *search for papers* a thing unheard of, unpractised, illegal, and