

be fixed upon him. When I was a very young man, Margaret, I entered into a distinguished regiment of foot, my good uncle having purchased a commission for me, by very strenuous saving; for he was liberal, and a somewhat careless man by habit and disposition, and no income would have been more than sufficient for him. I was in that regiment when I first knew you, and one of my early companions, as a fellow ensign, was this very Harrington. He had exchanged into a cavalry regiment some years before I came hither; but I, having no means of paying the difference, remained where I was. After the sharp dismissal I received from your mother, and the vanishing of all hope of hearing from you or your father, I became so gloomy that my uncle inquired the cause, and I told him that I was most anxious to see active service, and to obtain some means of distinguishing myself. The only field open was India, and the kind old man found means to raise, upon his books and pictures, which were to have formed a little fund for me after his death, the sum required for the purchase of a troop in the very same regiment into which Harrington had previously ex-

chang
when
for he
none o
becom
acquai
change
bling a
bragg
showin
was ger
I did n
loose pr
make m
by a ce
remark
notice.
kindly t
ing that
at cards
himself
he aver
dealt for
as ridicu
sation, I
ton. I v
you do n
I could n
trial took