

comes you see of treachery and perfidy. I shall be glad however, to see you soon in Connaught with your bride."

"But stop a moment, my dear O'Flaherty. Surely," I exclaimed, seeing him preparing to ascend his own carriage, "you are not going to leave an old friend in this predicament! I cannot raise the money to pay the amount of these debts, which are altogether nearly fifteen thousand francs, and surely you can lend me that sum until I raise the amount on my Irish estates?"

"Not a doit, Morris, shall you have from me. Talk of leaving an old friend in a predicament, indeed! A pretty sort of predicament you have left me in, to be sure, by depriving me of the woman I had intended for my own wife!"

"You shall have her with all my heart!" I exclaimed. "The marriage is not yet consummated, and we can be divorced immediately. Take her, my dear O'Flaherty, I waive all claim to her whatever."

"Thank you, thank you," he returned pettishly, "but I have no particular fancy for divorced women. Emily, Manvers, get into the carriage instantly."

Though deeply pained at the scene they had witnessed, and unwilling to leave me in my present embarrassed situation, the fear of offending the baronet induced them to comply. I saw Manvers, however, cast a significant look at his uncle, who had taken his seat on the dickey, from which he had been a silent witness of all that passed. As soon as the door was closed on O'Flaherty, the old gentleman stepped from his seat to the ground, and concealed himself for a few moments until the carriage had driven off. He then took the principal of the two men aside, and having said something in a low tone, they went into the hotel together. In a few minutes they both re-appeared, when a receipt in full for all demands on Mrs. M. Lofty, alias Morris, was put into my hands by the officer, for such I now discovered him to be. How much are our feelings regulated by circumstances! I thought not now of the humiliation and bitterness of having been duped in my expectation of being suddenly become possessed of a large fortune, but I rejoiced that I had escaped

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