

was one of the best men in the world, uniting a clear sound head to an excellent heart. He consoled her, by stating 'the probability of a re-capture before the Tartan reached Algiers; and the probability, even if they were not so fortunate, that the Dey would not dare to detain an Ambassador from a powerful Christian court, to another equally potent.'

"We were within a few hours' sail of Algiers when a furious gale sprang up, which divided us from the Corsair. We were soon, either from the ignorance of our navigators, or the violence of the storm, driven out of our course; and, to use the expressive words of the holy apostle, 'were in jeopardy.' Whether a presentiment of approaching death, or the dread of separation, weighed most heavily upon my mother's mind, at this period, I cannot determine, but she began to give much maternal counsel, mingled with many tears. 'Victorine,' said she, 'I have hoped all along that some unexpected deliverance would arise; but now I feel an assurance in my own mind that either death or long captivity awaits me. We may be separated, and you deprived of a mother's guardianship, be thrown among infidels, who will mock your Saviour, and endeavour to seduce you from the Christian faith. You are young and thought-

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