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"Why, I have stated my views with such clearness as I was capable of, to Colonel Van Cornput, our worthy and wise govern-or. I have ventured to write a letter to our general, the prince of Orange, and I have been striving to obtain a petition from our men begging that the death pen-alty may be spared. And let me tell you, mademoiselle, a petition from 200 men-at-arms is not to be treated lightly." "Do you hope to save him?" she cried. "Indeed. mademoiselle-may I sit?-I am not withcut hopes, though candor compels me to admit that the offense is not a small one, and the prince may view an attempt on his own life less lightly than I," quoth Vermell, crossing his legs and looking side-ways at her face. "What you-you think him guilty?" cried Gabrielle. "Mademoiselle, I should be as willing as















