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### The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

#### A Tale of the Covenanters.

Thus it was that Walter and Marion had for the last mile or two of their journey been riding on the same horse, and it was not until they had galloped forward considerably in advance of the troop, and when they entered the courtyard of Sanguhar Castle, he appeared only to give a few orders to Jackson, and vanished again without so much as noticing the prisoners.

Little more than half the time appointed for the bivouac had passed when a single horseman was seen coming at a brisk pace along the Dumfries road, and great was the sensation produced in the garrison when the person of the Commander-in-Chief was recognised. Captain Allan was hastily sought out and informed of his approach in time to receive him in the court-yard.

Sir James Turner acted as if he had come direct from Dumfries, and was ignorant of the Captain's exploit that morning. He greeted him in his usual brusque, abrupt manner.

'Good morning, Captain Allan. Didn't expect a visit from me I suppose. I have ridden up to a meet in this neighbourhood, and thought I would look in on you in passing. What is the state of your district?—Does the disaffection abate?'

'It does not Sir James, and will not so long as the rebels have the countenance of the landed proprietors. I have two prisoners in the Castle whom I have brought thus far on the road to headquarters. Within the hour I intend resuming the march, but perhaps your excellency will examine them here?'

'What is their quality and what their offence?' inquired Sir James, stroking his chin to conceal a smile.

And forthwith Charlie made his report of his visit to Birkenleuch, and seizure of Walter and Marion, showing the matter of course in the most light possible for them, but giving no indication of his own personal feelings or motives.

Sir James, however, did as he said he would—he read the Captain's report in the light of the information supplied by Sir Gilbert Barton, and without showing that he knew more than his officer had just communicated, he stood for some moments as if musing, then he shook his head dubiously.

'I fear Allan,' he observed, 'your zeal has carried you rather far in this business. You had sufficient ground for supposing that M'Kail was concealed in the mansion, but inasmuch as your search was fruitless, we lack evidence against Elliot and his bride, whose first object here was to roughly disturb me. I will, however, examine the prisoners—give orders that they be brought into the great hall immediately.'

Walter from the grated window over the entrance, had observed the arrival of the horseman, and by his appearance judged him to be Sir James Turner. He therefore expected some such summons as was now brought, and was prepared for the interview that he entered the arched chamber in which Sir James sat. Marion hung on his arm, and he led her in with marked care and attention. Now that he was to meet one who could not be swayed by personal passion, but who was the highest military official in the district, and therefore the guardian of individual rights and liberties, he was resolved to take very different position from that he had assumed towards Charlie Allan.

Sir James could not forbear giving a start of surprise when his eye fell on the tall, strongly-made form of Walter, who advanced towards him, with an air not only fearless and undaunted, but with lofty dignity and an expression which indicated a sense of deep injury. If the man of power expected to see an abashed and nervous prisoner, he was mightily mistaken, and one glance at Walter's expressive countenance and intellectual brow convinced him that he had to do with one who was a man in the true and high sense of the word.

Captain Allan stood at the table at which the Commander sat, and as Walter and Marion appeared he strove, but unsuccessfully, to assume an air of indifference.

'I presume that I am in the presence of Sir James Turner, the commander of the troops in the south-west of Scotland?' said Walter, in a firm unflinching voice.

'Your presumption is correct, sir,' answered Sir James, in an abrupt way; then he added, 'I understand that you are Mr. Elliot, the Laird of Birkenleuch?'

'I am. May I ask if you are aware of the outrage which I have suffered at the hands of your officer, who intruded himself and his men into my house this morning, and after conducting himself there in a violent manner, consummated his audacity by ordering his sergeant to take prisoner myself and my wife.'

'I have received Captain Allan's report,' returned Sir James. 'It seems he has good reason to believe that you have harboured and concealed an outlaw named M'Kail.'

'Suppose I had, there was a legal way of proceeding against me. But Captain Allan had liberty from me to search my premises; he did so, and found no trace of the man he sought. There is, therefore, not the slightest excuse for the commission of the outrage.'

'Captain Allan, no doubt, acted to the best of his judgment. The present, as you are aware, is a time of disaffection and incipient rebellion. The troops are here for the purpose of suppressing it, and it cannot be expected that the work can be done without occasional roughness and arbitrary proceedings. If you are a friend of the Government you will not regret having suffered inconvenience by an act that has for its object the restoration of order and loyalty in the country. If you are not a friend to the Government, then you cannot complain.'

'Sir James Turner,' said Walter, firmly, 'the people of Scotland are under the idea that their personal and individual freedom is sacredly respected; but if such treatment as we have been subjected to is sanctioned, this idea is a delusion. If the people, whether high or low, are at the mercy of those who are governed by their own unholty passions, then you can only expect that disloyalty will rapidly increase. But, sir, I demand from you our instant liberation—aye, demand it as our right. You can deal with the author of this outrage as you see fit. He is worthy only of my contempt.'

'By heaven, Sir James, this touches my honour!' exclaimed Allan, as pale with rage, he laid his hand on his sword.

'Forbear, I command you,' said Turner, imperiously. 'For you, Mr. Elliot, you and your lady are free to depart, but I warn you that it is considered you have consorted with sympathies, and unless you clear yourself from suspicion by conduct different from what you have hitherto pursued you will be made to suffer more than a few hours' imprisonment. You are now at liberty to depart.'

Walter drew himself proudly up. 'I do not feel constrained to thank you, sir,' he remarked, 'for an act of bare justice, in circumstances when I might well demand ample reparation. But I cannot go without making some reply to the words you have taken it upon you to address to me. Know this, Sir James Turner, that I claim to act from duty and convictions as well as you or any one else. I have as good a right to warn you as you have to warn me. Know also that I will be true to my convictions whatever these may be, and when rulers are mad enough to seek to destroy the conscience of a people, let them be the responsibility of the dire consequences that will surely follow.'

And having delivered himself thus, Walter turned on his heel, and with a lofty independent air, quitted the presence of the man whose oppression were at the moment leading the people to the verge of insurrection. He made no reply to Walter's daring language, but gave orders to the sergeant

Captain Allan, you will keep a watchful eye on this man. I am of Birkenleuch, said the Commander when they were gone. Place him in your list of suspected, and put two Do's against his name—meaning thereby double dangerous. And, hark ye, you will please me much if you can find the man which will justify his imprisonment, for a fellow of his stamp going at large means mischief of the worst kind. You understand?'

'I will not fail to watch him, Sir James,' responded Allan. 'Since he has cast aspersions on my honor, that same honor demands that the moment his treasonous sentiments find vent in deeds his wings be clipped beyond the power of harm.'

While the Commander and Charlie conversed thus, the object of their remarks had mounted Marion on the horse, and, vaulting himself to the saddle, rode out of the courtyard of the Castle, and began the return journey to Birkenleuch.

TO BE CONTINUED.

**THE TIME TO ADVERTISE.**—The New York Tribune has a means of keeping business men afloat in these depressed and uncertain times, which concluded with the following excellent advice: "Be sure of one thing, whatever you have to sell, there are many people ready to buy of you rather than admit. When buyers are reluctant, sellers must be active. It is neither cheap nor sensible to sit still behind your counter and wait for the bustle of business to revive. When business is dull, that is the very time to advertise. In the first place, that is when you most need to advertise; and in the second, that is when people devote most time to reading newspapers, and when your advertisement consequently is most generally seen."

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**DIED.**  
NEW—In Guelph, on Wednesday the 15th inst., Mrs. William Neave, aged 83 years. Deceased was one of the oldest residents in Guelph. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday) from her late residence at three o'clock p.m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**Guelph Markets.**  
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, January 17, 1868.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	3 75	4 00
Fall Wheat per bushel	1 70	1 75
Spring Wheat	1 55	1 60
Oats	0 48	0 51
Peas	0 68	0 70
Barley	0 90	1 00
Hay per ton	9 00	11 00
Straw	4 00	5 00
Shingles per square	1 00	1 50
Wood per cord	3 00	3 50
Wool	0 27	0 25
Bees per dozen	0 14	0 15
Butter (cream), per lb.	0 16	0 16
Geese, each	0 25	0 28
Turkeys do	0 50	0 60
Chickens per pair	0 20	0 25
Ducks do	0 20	0 25
Potatoes	0 50	0 60
Apples per bushel	0 00	0 08
Lamb per lb.	0 06	0 08
Beef, per lb.	0 05	0 06
Sheep Pelts each	0 30	0 40
Lamb skins	0 40	0 40
Hides per 100 lbs.	6 00	6 00

**Money Market.**  
JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE,  
Guelph, January 17, 1868.  
Gold, 138.  
Greenbacks 'ot at 75 to 77; sold at 71 to 72.  
Silver bought at 42c to 43c; sold at 42c to 43c.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 50c to 55c.  
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 90c to 95c.

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**  
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.'s report by Special Telegram to Evening Mercury.  
Montreal, January 17, 1868.  
Flour—Fancy, \$7.00 to \$7.75; Superior No. 1, \$7.50 to \$7.75; Welland Canal, \$7.50. Bag flour, \$5.00 to \$5.75. Oats 45c to 46c. Barley 90c to 95c. Butter—dairy, 16c to 18c; store, 14c to 16c. Adhes—Pine, 35c to 40c; Pearls, 50c to 55c.  
Flour receipts, 1,500 bbls., no business doing, rates unchanged but purely nominal, and a tendency to decline. Grain no sales noted, rates unchanged. Provisions—Pork steady; hogs less enquiry, rates unchanged; Butter neglected. Ashes—Pots declining; pearls steady but quiet.

Toronto, January 16, 1868.  
Flour—Receipts, 100 bbls.; No. 1, at 67 1/2c; Wheat—at 61 1/2c. Peas—75c. Oats—55c to 58c. Barley—\$1.00 to \$1.02.  
Hamilton, January 16, 1868.  
Fall wheat, \$1.15 to \$1.45, spring do, \$1.50 to \$1.55 per bushel. Barley—95c to \$1.00. Oats—55c to 58c. Peas—75c to 80c.

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Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw

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GEORGE WILKINSON,  
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