

sign of England, I hold you to be her true heir and thus give you due allegiance. Order what you will of me, and without need of compulsion I shall cheerfully obey."

Completely overpowered by this affirmation of loyalty from an entirely unexpected quarter, the prince was too affected to speak for a few moments. Glenbucket made no secret of great joy tears, at the same time performing all manner of subdued imitations, varied by filling a huge measure of wine and quaffing it down to the health of himself and those present.

"Gallant Farquharson," said the prince at last, "your words come like a sunbeam to brighten our clouds of despair. Believe me, if it were necessary, I should secure your aid in our present enterprise. All we need, however, is to be permitted passage into the interior, exactly as if we were what we assume to be, traders looking for commerce with the natives. Of one thing you can rest assured, and that is, we meditate no communication with the rebellious Acadians. I wish that I could be still more explicit, but my whole future rests on this secret; and I fear to even breathe a word of it aloud, lest mayhap the vagrant breeze should echo some of its meaning."

"I would not presume to encroach upon confidence," hastily spoke the lieutenant, as the prince came to a perceptible pause. "Your papers and those of the vessel are perfectly regular, and will carry you through