

the old country, and he had been sent there himself to be educated and to receive the English stamp, his aptness at the learning being so great that he had ever remained a mighty stickler for the glory and the grandeur and the ways of England. He affected sometimes to cheapen his own country and the people who were his countrymen, which caused many ill remarks to be made about him, for we had begun to raise our heads in America. There were so many officers of high rank and noble birth coming over then from Britain to engage in the great war with the French that I was quite sure Mr. Arthur would seek to make an engagement between his daughter and one of them. He placed high value upon rank, and his wealth was sufficient to prepare the way for an alliance of that kind. That he had some such thought in his mind when he sent for me I did not doubt.

Bidding John to tell him that I would be there speedily, I prepared for the interview, arranging my toilet with great care, which I hold always to be the duty of a gentleman.

I wore my new uniform of the Royal Americans, which was a very pretty affair, and confidence in one's clothes imparts great strength to the backbone. So I went on, walking with a martial stride, and swinging my sword until I made it jingle gallantly in its scabbard.

The front part of Mr. Arthur's establishment was used as a warehouse. There was a great muck of boxes and barrels about, and a dozen stout fellows