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expected moment, when the supposition of his having ended his career in the prison at Baltimore was becoming fixed, I received, by the politeness of a friend, a file of the New-York Times, one of the numbers of which contained the following article, bringing our Adventurer again full into view, in his usual characteristic style:

"Police office. "Robbery and speedy arrest.—A Frenchgentleman, from the South, (so represented by himself,) who has, for a few weeks past, under the name of Henry Bond, been running up a bill, and running down the fare, at the Franklin House, was, this afternoon, arrested at the establishment, on the ungentlemanly charge of pillaging the trunks of lodgers. Since his sojourn, a variety of articles had disappeared from the chambers of the hotel; and, amongst the rest, about two hundred dollars from the trunk of one gentleman.

No one, however, had the thought of suspecting the French gentleman, who was also a lodger, until this morning, when, unfortunately for him, his face was recognized by a gentleman who knew him to have been in the States Prison at Baltimore. However, on searching him, which he readily complied with, not one cent of the money could be found either upon his baggage or his person; but in lieu thereof, they found him possessed of a large number of small keys, through which, no doubt, he found means of disposing of any surplusage of circulating medium; whereupon, his quarters were changed to Bridewell, until the ensuing term of General Sessions."

Here he remained in confinement until the period for his trial came round; when, for want of sufficient evidence to commit him to the STATE PRISON, he was thence discharged, and the next account we hear of him, brings him before our view under the name of HENRY PRESTON, arrested in the act of attempting to rob the Northern Mail Coach, as will appear by the following article extracted from the *Times:-*

## " Police Office, Monday, Feb. 23d, 1835.

"Just as this Office was closing on Saturday evening, a very gentlemanly looking man, decently dressed, calling himself Henry Preston, was brought up in custody of the driver and guard of the Northern Mail Stage, who charged him with an attempt to rob the Mail. The accusers testified, that within a short distance of Peekskill they dis-