

hundred pounds from an old friend, when they could easily be repaid at any time by the very step which I was rashly going to take at once without necessity. I told him that one hundred pounds was all I required, but even that I would not borrow.

"This plunged him in deeper meditation still, and then he sent for wine, and drank a good deal. I had often before remarked, that, when affected by wine, a naturally frank and generous character appeared in him which had been terribly obscured by the effects of vices and weaknesses, and as he warmed on the present occasion, he urged me more strongly to accept the money I required. I still resisted, and told him my resolution was unalterable, and then he became considerably agitated. He rose, paced up and down the room, and at length grasping my hand, he said, 'Take it Fairfax, take it; and relieve my mind of a great load.' I replied, with something like a smile, that I did see how it would relieve his mind to burden mine; but that such was my firm resolution, that I would not borrow money if my whole fortune in life depended upon it. I cannot tell you all the steps which

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