

MADISON (*excitedly*).

Thanks, thanks, Miss Nelly, for your generous words.

CHAMBERS (*rising in vexation and taking his hat*).

I understand, miss, that I am out of place here.

PARKER (*to Chambers retiring*).

What? you will not leave us Mr. Chambers, for such a trifle.

(*Chambers exit*).

PARKER.

This is just what happens when women meddle in matters which do not concern them. What do you say, Major?

ANDRE.

I think that Miss Nelly has nothing to reproach herself with. She was provoked by Mr. Chambers, and had a right to reply as she did.

MADISON.

I regret, Mr. Parker, that I was the involuntary cause of what has happened. But it was hard for me to allow that cause to be insulted for which I expose my life every day.

ANDRE.

Well said. I am bound to admire in general the sentiments which you have expressed.

PARKER.

Well, well. I am out of my depth.

(*Madison rises to leave. Andre approaches Parker*).

ANDRE (*in a low voice*).

This man cannot be won to our cause, but is there not at least some means of inducing him to remain here? He is a valuable man.