

diversified, intended as a cloak, under which he might with less liability to suspicion, indulge the prevailing and all-controlling propensities of his vitiated mind, it was not to be expected, with all the ingenuity which he was capable of exercising, that he would long be capable of concealing his real character. Accordingly some high misdemeanor which we have not been able to trace, at length disclosed the hypocrisy of his character, and placed him before his deluded followers in his true light.

It would appear, whatever might have been the nature of his crime, that legal means were adopted for his immediate apprehension; and that, in order to expedite his escape from the hands of justice, he had seized upon a certain gentleman's coach and horses, and was travelling in the character of a gentleman in state, when he was overtaken and apprehended in the State of Maryland. Here he was tried and convicted, and sentenced to seven year's imprisonment in the state prison in Baltimore, which, from the nature of the climate, was generally believed would terminate his career. The particulars of this adventure I received in the City of New-York, in 1827, where I took much pains to obtain all possible information concerning his proceedings in the Southern States, while passing under the character of a preacher.

In the year 1833, it so happened that I had occasion to visit the City of New-York again, when I renewed my inquiries concerning him, but to no effect: no sources of information to which I had access, yielded any account of him, and the most rational conjecture was, that he either terminated his course in the state prison of Baltimore, or that one day, should he outlive the period of his confinement, and be again let loose upon the peace of society, some fresh development of his character would point out the scene of his renewed depredations.

In this painful state of obscurity, I was reluctantly obliged to leave the HERO of our narrative, on my return from New-York.

Another year had nearly elapsed before any additional light was thrown upon his history: but in an un-

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