### Suelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 1

### NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

Hillon, Bartlet, he exclaimed, 'more isoners. Ho! I forgot—the Scotch ntleman you told me of.'
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'Your name is what?' demanded the Captain, addressing Andrew, who was altogether unbasked by the circumstances in which he was placed.

'Ma name is Maister McSpurtle, o' Knockwinnock, in Scotland,' answered Andrew, shortly. 'Yours, I understand, is Captain Jack; at least that's what ye seem tae be ca'ed here?

"Never mind what my name is,' said the Captain with a frown.
Houts, what for no,' rejoined Andrew. 'Giff gaff maks guid friends, as we say in oor kintry. I'm a Scotchman ar, and life to keep up the manners o' the Scotch whaure'er I gang.'

'Oh, indeed!' returned the Captain, as his face relaxed considerably. 'You seem to be somewhat of a humourist as well as a Scotchman' I suppose you know into whose hands you have fallen, and what you require to do to procure your liberation.'

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The Captain laughed. Exactly so, the observed 3 you take the thing philosophically. It is seldom indeed, that we get a prisoner of your stamp, and to ahow you that I appreciate the rarity, I fix your rassom at the low sum of one hundred pounds. Now, how can you get that?

No without sendin' tae my sister Jenny at Knockwinnock, responded Andrew with the utmost deliberation. 'A bit line tae ber frame me will mak her send a draft on one yo' the banks here.

But how is the draft to come into our possession? Saked the Captain.

Andrew scratched his head. He had his answer quite ready, but did not wish to be too prompt in his replies, less the robber should suspect a previous plan.

Dod, he answered, after a minute's panse! I think the best way tae dae would be for her tae send the draft tae me, addressed to the post-office somewhere, tae he left till ca'ed for. Your messenger can get it there, and cash it at the bank.'

Good, that will do,' returned Captain Jack, who did not for a moment suspect Andrew anything but the simple unsophisicated. Scotchman he seemed. I'll line ask you to write the letter till to-morrow. We have but one room for your safe custody, and that is at present tenahed by another prisoner. You and your guide mist chare it with him.'

Toh, J'm no particular,' answered Andrew. with a spparent indifference, though his heart at his moment thriled with joy, for he doubted not chast the prisoner slighted to wes Hargreave.

Then follow mb, said the Captain, bey followed the Captain along a dark passage, and passed at the graing, beyond which was a lighted chamber. In the chumber seat a young man, in antelancholy and musing attitides.

Andrew locked eagerly through, and as with it was flargreave.

CHAPTER XXIII.—THE PRISONERS IN THE CAPE.

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'Keep in the shadow,' cautioned Andrew, in the same low tone.

They entered the chamber, and passed on to the corner behind where Hargreave sat. The latter regarded them with a languid, careless glance, and looked inquiringly into the face of the Ceptain, who stood before him.

'Mr. Hargreave,' said the latter, 'this is a Scotch gentleman awaiting his ransom. He and his attendant will require to share the chamber with you.'

'A companion in misfortune,' sighed Hargreave as the melancholy expression deepened on his countenance.

'Pooh, it is a misfortune he makes very light off,' returned the Captan..........'
'And as for your case, I thought you would have seen it in a better light by this time.' Bightly riewed, it is quite the opposite of a misfortune.'

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'That is viewed through your distorted and perverted medium,' returned Hargeave, with heightened colour. 'You look at life and humanity with an eye not jaundiced merely, but with an eye which has become blasphemously sceptical, and, what is worst of all, you would force others if you could to do the same.'

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'Your are bold, sir,' returned the Captain, biting his lip. 'Methinks prudence should prompt you to be more guarded in your speech towards the man who holds you in his power.'

'Is that a threat of personal violence?' returned Hargreave contemptuously.—'If you knew me better, sir, you would understand that I would despise the kind of prudence you alluded to. You have managed to deprive me of my personal liberty, but if you think to take away my liberty of speech you are deeply mintaken. Why, man, what do you think you are, that you should presume to thrust your views of things on men by vulgar brute force, and threaten them with more if they presume to contradict your expressed sentiments? If my speech displeases you, keep out of my way, for assuredly your profane, absurd, and utterly false sentiments addressed to me shall not be received in silence.'

The Captain's brow flushed crimson, and his right hand impulsively grasped the handle of his dagger, but he mastered his passion, and broke out with a laugh.

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