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The Foster Brother: The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER VIII.

UNEXPECTED ABRIVAL FROM JAMAICA-E CONSTERNATION OF STEPHEN AND MAL-

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Nathan Garret noted the effect, and
is face brightened as that of the others
louded. While Stephen and Malcolm
rere intent on the perusal of the letter
is toxlike syes were directed obliquely
owards them, and he saw with satisfacion that the marriage of their cousia
as a fact which, however unwelcome,
ras forcing itself into their minds. And
a he saw this an expression of triumph
itted across his features.

"Well, gentlemen," he quietly asked,
are you satisfied that this letter is in
our cousin's hand-writing?"
Stephen turned away in gloomy silence
hile Malcolm looked as if he could tear
he paper to fragments.
"I see, you do," added! Nathan, as he
lowly lifted and folded it up. "You see
herefore, the authority on which I have
een and am acting. Your cousin gave
frs. Morrar and her bolld into my care,
and I accepted the charge. I was to
ake measures to send her safely to Scotand when the child was thought strong
mough for the voyage. None of us
reamed of the terrible catsstrophe which
as about to take place, but when the
cews reached us the ocntents of your
etter showed me the pecssity of prompt
otion. More than ever did I consider
frs. Morrar and her boy in my charge;
and, as she endorsed her husband's confitence by requesting me to take her to
cotland, and seet othe rights of the child,
consented to do so. Thus am I here,
and here to act as I am doing.

Stephen made no response to this expanatory speech and neither did Malcolm,
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in the extreme.
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lanatory speech and neither did Matcolm, though his face was sullen and gioomy in the extreme.

"Now," wend on Nathan, "here are two papers which you had better examine—the certificates of the marriago and the baptism of the child."

Those were unfolded on the table, and the brothers locked at them with a dispirated air. Stephen made no remark, but Malcolm, with a gight revival of suspicious hope, laid his finger on the certificate, and exclaimed—"That is not my cousin's signature."

"Of course not," said Garrett. "These are copies. The originals are in the books of the church, as is asserted by this paper; written and signed by the minister who married the parents and baptised the child."

"Who is this Walter Colville whose name is down as one of the witnesses?" asked Stephen in a listless kind of way.

"That is the faithful attendant of the young lady. He had long been her father's servant, and was greatly attached to her."

"Where is he now?"

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"He is dead."

"Umph," muttered Malcolm, and then there was utter silence in the room. The other certificate, which was to the effect that the child of George Morrar and his wife Felicia had been baptised by the name of George, was hardly-looked at, and Nathan, retying the packet, deposited it in the tin box, which he locked and retained in his hand.

Stephen had gone to the window, and was standing there silently ruminating. At length he turned suddenly runminating this remark, "I think we should now proceed to the presence of the ledy."

Nathan stood a moment and gazed at him keenly.

"Yes certainly" he rejoined. "Mrs.

Nathan stock a montant him keenly. "Yes, certainly," he rejoined. "Mrs. "Yes, certainly," he rejoined. "Mrs. Morrar will, I have no donbt, be glad to see her husband's cousins," "Come, Malcolm, Thomas will inform us in what room she is to be found. Your presence, Mr. Garret, will not be neces-sery."

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"Pardon me, sir, I think it will be necessary," answered Nathan, preparing to go with them.

"Look you," said Stephen, turning quickly upon him. "Your charge was ended the moment you brought Mrs Morrar over the threshold of this house. She is now under the natural guardianship of her husband's relations, and I as the representative of these, will not allow you to usurp my place."

"That is for her to determine," an swered Garret. "She has it in her power to choose whom she will have as leg guardian, and if she declines my services further, I have nothing more to say, but until she does this I will stek to my post. Therefore, gentleman, I mean to go with you.

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The resolute and determined tone in which this was said left no room for further discussion, and turning haughtly round, Stephen strode to the door. The overseer was following close behind, when Malcom jostled him aside, and went before him, saying angrily—

"Keep your own place."

Nathan smiled grimly, and took a step back.

back.
"You will speedily find what my place
is," he muttered under his breath, as he actionwed them out into the passage on their way to the room in which sat the lady who had come to them as their cousin's wife.

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