

my breast by communicating to the worthy clergyman the events of the few momentous hours that had passed since we had parted.

After cheering ourselves with mutual felicitations, I requested his advice as to the expediency of resorting to law for the further security of our *protégée*. On this point he observed with his usual good sense, that as our chief object had been effected, he thought there was now, considering the age of the young lady—the proofs we possessed of her identity, and the already widely known fact of her return—little further danger to be apprehended on the part of the delinquent cousin. That as his interest was but prospective, it would, as far as ourselves were concerned, be sufficient to place in Lord Leighton's hands an authenticated record from the first, of the events and circumstances that so deeply compromised his nephew, and so leave him to take what steps, and dictate what terms he might think proper; the which, however rigorous they might be, there was