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THE PIRATE. BY A FRENCH NAVAL OFFICER. (Continued.) On returning upon deck I perceived...

I literally leaped with joy, and kissed the precious note. Behold us, then, in regular correspondence. And she, poor and hapless insect, she left me mistress of her destiny, dictator of her course.

At daybreak on the following morning we made all preparations for sailing, and left the bay by the same passes by which we had entered it.

That she was a vessel of war was evident at a glance; but it was no less evident that she was, in fact, by no means an overmatch for us.

'Go it, my hearties!' said Stamar, tranquilly, 'it seems that there's no means of avoiding the game this time. Well, you grog-drinking God-dams, we shall shortly see who can play best—you or we.'

As the pirate spoke these encouraging words to his crew, an expression of the most implacable and extraordinary hate seemed to illumine his usually sombre features.

The ardour of Stamar passed like an electric shock into the hearts of the other pirates, consisting almost entirely of Americans and French. Impatient and braiding their formidable cutlasses and boarding axes, they rushed to their respective posts, uttering loud and savage cries.

'Down all—flat upon the deck,' said Stamar, in low but very distinct tones; and you, Lorenzo, take the helm. Ah! it's very odd that you cannot accustom yourself to a few trumpety shots!

'Well, well,' said Lorenzo, hurriedly, and in a troubled voice; and that worthy then, most unwillingly I guess, took my place at the helm.

'On being thus set at liberty, I, as a mere matter of course and of necessity, went forward, where the master, my inveterate enemy, Cardie, delivered me my arms, saying, in an ironical tone, 'Ah, M. Dumont, you seem anxious to make use of these pretty playthings!'

'I have a little patience, boy,' replied Cardie; 'it's just possible that you may even be spared the trouble of rising again at all.'

Before Brissac could make any rejoinder to this consolatory remark, Stamar's powerful tones rang upon our ears. 'English dog!' he shouted, 'how much longer are you going to keep us waiting?'

another minute we saw the bowsprit of the English brig entangled in our mizzen shrouds. 'Forward all!' shouted Stamar, giving force to his command by his example.

'Come, come,' said Doctor Mathore, by way of consolation, 'don't go on in this way, my fine fellow. Why, this is really nothing at all; it will merely cost you a trifling operation.'

On hearing this word, so especially hateful to seamen, Peters swore more loudly, more furiously, and more piously, than he had ever done before.

Long years ago—bright visions stole Across the ocean's blue, And lengthening rays of summer suns Dispel each feeble sigh.

Long years ago—each bubbling brook That leaved the moss-clad vale, Of youth's refrigent joys poured out A non-enriching tale.

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My LORD—We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 25th September last, transmitting to us copies of four despatches with the inclosures, dated on the 14th, 15th, 16th and 24th of August last, which your Lordship had received from the Governor of Newfoundland.

We have taken these papers into our consideration, and have to report that in our opinion, the House of Assembly has not the power of committing for contempt or breach of privilege, the acts of the Speaker and the Sergeant-at-Arms, and his assistants, were contrary to law—the Assistant Judge and the Sheriff did not discharge the duties of their offices.

We think it impossible to contend that the Crown, by constituting or calling together a General Assembly in a Colony, with power to assist in making laws for the Colony, not repugnant to the laws of the Mother Country, thereby give implicitly to that body the undefined and extensive privileges possessed by the House of Commons, as a branch of the High Court of Parliament.

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streaming with blood, a splinter having grievously wounded him. After his established fashion, in case of being in any way annoyed, he swore most coolly, and made a strange *alla polacca* of the worst orders of a dozen or so of languages.

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It is farther to be observed, that the Courts in Jamaica had all decided in favour of the power conferred by the Assembly, as being consistent with the laws and usages of the island; the contrary of which is the case in Newfoundland.

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and the Judicial Committee affirmed the judgment of the Court below, thus establishing the right of the Jamaica House of Assembly to commit for contempt.

It must be observed that Jamaica was not, like Newfoundland, a Colony acquired by settlement, the inhabitants of which are entitled to the benefits of British law, but a possession which the Crown acquired by conquest and over which, therefore, it had a clear right of legislation.

It is obvious, from the context, that, by an Assembly possessing supreme legislative power, Mr. Baron Parke meant to designate a Colonial Assembly, constituted in the ordinary form, having power with the concurrence of the Governor and Council, to make laws for the Colony, subject to the approbation of the Crown.

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status must also be added to the loss of dimension and character, or at any rate the smaller gain of the Tuesday, as few men are capable of working properly the day after a debauch. Now as there are fifty-two weeks in a year, it follows that such a workman loses in the course of the year two hundred and sixty shillings as his more expenses of the Monday, independent of those of his family. If, however, instead of debauching the Monday, he like the more provident and wiser workman, prudently placed this sum of money in the neighbouring savings bank, he would secure to himself that certain resource for the old age, without which he will only fall into misery and regret, and his grey hairs go down with sorrow to the grave.

The story alluded to in the old English ballad of 'St. Patrick's Lady's Love,' is told at length in Barke's History of the Landed Gentry. It was Sir John Rolle, of Troop Hall, in Lincolnshire who was the captive lady presented to the pope, together with a handsome common table-cloth, which are still in the possession of the representatives of the Rolle family, viz. Robert Newton Lee, of Coldrey, in Hampshire, and Troop Hall, in Lincolnshire.

Salmon, the king of fresh-water fish, was, in the reign of Henry VI., thought a present worthy of a crowned head. In that reign the Queen of Scotland sent to the Duchess of Clarence two casks of salmon, which Henry directed to pass duty free. No Fishwife ever made a more of a government, who, having despatched an entire salmon (the size is not stated) with the exception of the jaw, was taken so that the physician pronounced her recovery to be impossible. 'As it is,' said the dying fishwife, 'bring me then the remainder of my salmon.' In the month of February, 1830, Harry Cent, a fishwife at Billingsgate, sold a single-captured Severn salmon, weighing nineteen pounds, for the sum of one guinea per pound, to Phillips, the fishmonger in Bond-street.

March of 'Jaw-Breakers'—A barber in Penzance-street has manufactured some wigs, which he styles 'the wigs of kallitichoplasmis,' which he has prepared some vivifications biscuits; and a latter in Leicester-square has invented a nightcap which shall find its appropriate name in the Dictionary of the classical name of a caputigeronid.

MARTYRS OF THE PRESS.—On the 18th of Sept. 1797, the French Directory issued the following proclamation:—Ordered that the liberty of the press be restored to the mandates of justice to arrest and conduct to the prison of La Force the editors and printers of (here the papers are named, 29 in number) all guilty of having conspired against the internal and external peace of the Republic. All the presidents of the National Convention were, with one or two exceptions, journalists. Of 24 who attained that honour, 15 were guillotined, 3 committed suicide, 5 were transported, 6 imprisoned, 4 became mad and died of illness, 22 were declared outlawed, and there were only two who escaped censure of some kind. If we extend the metaphor to the entire press, we shall find its composition pretty exact. There is said to have been 1700 till 1797 at least one-half of the political writers of Paris.—Monthly Chronicle.

MACHINERY IN INDIA.—A Calcutta paper says, 'We are glad to see that the increasing demand for machinery is likely to be supplied in the neighbourhood of Calcutta, without the necessity of waiting for orders sent to England can be executed. By an advertisement in our page, it will be seen that the Caspore foundry will undertake not only the ordinary work which has hitherto been executed here, but also the manufacture of large and marine steam-engines not exceeding thirty-horse power, and also iron steam boats from one to 500 tons. This is a most important step in the career of Indian art, and will, we think, not a little surprise our friends in England, who imagine that we are dependent on them for every description of iron-work down to a box nail. We wish the enterprising proprietor of the Caspore foundry the most complete success, as we look upon his undertaking as one of national importance, cheap machinery being, now almost a necessity of civilized life.—Oriental Herald.

REMARKABLE CIRCUMSTANCE.—We yesterday had the pleasure of inspecting a piece of wood, cut out of one of the first planks of a vessel, the Fracilia, from Pernambuco, now in its port, which was struck about eighteen inches of the bony weight of the sword fish. How it came there needs not to be explained. The force with which it must have been driven in affords a striking exemplification of the power and ferocity of the fish. The spot in which the vessel was struck was about half-way between the commencement of the coppering and the keel, describing the copper, the sword had made its way first through the copper plank of South larch, three inches and a half in thickness, then traversing an open space of ten or twelve inches, it had encountered another plank of oak, and about four inches in thickness, which was also pierced, the sword coming clean through to the other side. What renders this feat the more surprising is, that the Fracilia is quite a new vessel, this having been her first voyage. Captain Taylor, her commander, states that when near the Azores, he was walking the quarter-deck at night, and was felt which brought all lights from below, under the impression that the ship had touched upon a rock.—This was no doubt, the time when she encountered the place. A great number of whales had been seen playing about the vessel the day before, and it is probable that the sword fish, which is a deadly enemy of the whale, had taken the Fracilia for one of the objects of its chase, and was in chase in other words, it had thought her 'very like a whale.' On the passage home he observed a whale, and discharging her cargo, she was hauled into the graving dock; and having yesterday undergone an examination, it was ascertained, as we saw what had happened.—The sword fish, as well as porpoise, so that it is not so common as is supposed, and it is not so difficult to keep out of the water.—Monthly Chronicle.

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