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They passed out by the same mysterious route as they had entered the place. Then, down Canongste to the Park, Gilbert proceeded alone toward the Palace. Near one of the private doors in the wall park he found a stripling speciar up and down, as if to keep his blood in circulation whilst he waited for

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"England wakes."

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"The youth halted, and peering through the fog, made answer—

"Scotland wakes."

The page—such Gilbert concluded to be the youth's degree—opened the wall door and locked it again as soon as they had got into the Park. He then led the way toward the chapel at a quick page.

Gilbert kept close to his guide, remembering always the warning of the Chevalier to be on his guard. The warning served as it, seemed, for suddenly there was, as he thought, a movement among the trees. The page gave a sharp whistle and darted forward, as if with the intention of teaving Gilbert behind. The latter, however, laid hold of his cloak and held it still, whilst he touched him on the brow with the flat of his poignard.

"The another sound attempt to ship from

poignard.

'Make another sound, attempt to slip from my grasp, and you shall not live to betray another.

"Don't—don't kill me; they didn't mean to kill you."

What then?"

"Don't—don't kill me; they didn't mean to kill you."
"What then?"
"They only wanted to know the message you carry."
'And who are they?"
'I dare not tell you—I dare not.'
'You must speak—who?'
'Angus. Don't press my throat so hard.—
I'll take you safely."
'Don't speak so loud. I cannot trust you; but understand me, the least sign of treathery you make will be the signal for me to strike you down.'
They had been hurrying forward during this hasty whispered conversation, and they soon reached the Abbey Chapel. A side door of the Chapter House opened to the summons of the page. Gilbert found himself in the presence of a lady, who started slightly at the sight of him. She was closely veiled, so that he could see nothing of her features, and so her surprise was to him most inexplicable. She recovered herself immediately, and quietly motioned him to follow her. He obeyed, keeping a firm hold of the page all the time, The place was dimly lighted by a couple of wax candles at the farther end, towards which the party moved. Beneath the lights Gilbert saw a second lady, taller and more matronly in figure than the first. She was also closely veiled, but the richness of her somewhat sombre attire indicated that she was of considerable rank. To her the first lady, who appeared to be of a quick lively nature, whispered something and then drew back a pace.

The page was ordered to withdraw.

"Cannot, my lady, this geutleman holds me so lightly."

"You made."

"How do you refuse to release him?

"No, my lady, I do not refuse, but I would rather keep him here."

"Who are you?

"A soldber, madam, and Gilbert Elliott by mame."

"Your rank?"

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\*Your rank?'

\*Only what my sword may win me.'
The lady's head moved haughtily, even contemptuously, and the blood crimsoned Gilbert's fake.

\*The rank will not be high since you fear a couple of women.

\*You mistake, lady, I fear nothing for my-self from you or from those you may have within call. But there are those for whose sake my life is valuable.'

\*Obey, sirrah, and be silent.'

\*I may obey when I know you; meanwhile you must pardon me.

The lady's foot patted the ground impatiently, and Gilbert cooly retained his grasp of the frightened page. The Lady spoke again.

\*I wish you would let my boy go, sir, soldier, it is necessary that he should be beyond hearing.'

Gilbert instantly released the page.

dier, it is necessary that it is necessary that hearing. Gilbert instantly released the page. What you demanded, lady, I was able 40 refuse. When you ask I must obey, and he bowed his head with a courtesy that would have done credit to the most experienced

gallant.

'My faith,' said the lady in French to her companion and laughing, 'here is a cavalier worth having near us.'

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'You understand me,' said the lady turning to him quickly. 'No matter, I think I spoke stuly.'

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'You understand me,' said the lady turning to him quickly. 'No matter, I think I spoke truly.'

'I hope so, madam.'

The page had retired to the door.

'I am satisfied,' she went on. 'Now how fares England?'

Gilbert presented the packet. She broke it open, and perused its contents with evident signs of impatience and anger. When she had finished reading she crumpled the paper in her hand.

'This must have an answer such as it merits. Where may you be found, sir?'

'At Mrs Nichol's, Cowgate.

'You shall hear from ma. Adeu.'

Gilbert bowed respectfully, and was conducted back to the door by the lady who had admitted him. As he opened the door she whispered hastly—'Fortune is near you.'

The voice did not sound strange in his car, but before he could identify the speaker, or express thanks the door closed between them, and the page stood sulkily waiting to conduct him through the park.

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The blood-stained planks taken from the spot where McGee fell, at Ottawa, have been burnt to ashes, and sent to Montreal to be deposited in his grave.

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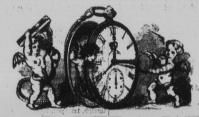
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