

of an Englishman can not but boil at every instance of illegal violence and arbitrary oppression, and still more when the victim is a woman, defenceless, unprotected, and uniting to the most polished education, a person and manners that, in any place but this, where the baleful lust of gold dries up all the springs of humanity and chivalry, would command respect, and disarm even even-handed justice herself.

The search continued for several hours, and in the course of it locks and hinges were forced and broken, papers and letters fifteen years old ransacked and carried off; cases of articles belonging to other persons which were under S's charge, knocked in pieces, and the contents scattered about; in short the appearance of all the rooms in the house was such as they would have exhibited after a night-attack of a gang of Malay pirates. Still nothing was found to justify the search, or to give the shadow of a pretext for further proceeding; till in one of Louisa's draws a paper parcel was found, directed in S's hand writing "A watch and pocket book belonging to the late A. B. Esquire." And now it was that the harpies thought they had got something like a scent; the Major General held a consultation with his colleague, to which the renegado was admitted, and it was determined that this should furnish a pretence for carrying off Louisa to prison upon a criminal accusation; for A. B. having been connected with the East India Company, ergo, no one had a right to have his property in possession, but the said Company; the articles being marked in S's writing as the property of A. B. ergo, S had stole them; and being found in Louisa's possession, ergo, she was an accessory to the theft. Admirable logic! ex-