## GERALD DE LACEY'S DAUGHTER

AN HISTORICAL ROMANCE OF COLONIAL DAYS

> BY ANNA T. SADLIER BOOK II CHAPTER IX

AN UNWELCOME MEETING While the wedding festivities were still at their height, the tall figure of a man might be seen descending with rapid steps the path which led to the Water-Gate. As he passed the tavern of Der Halle and glanced through the open window, he saw that the brightly lighted room was almost devoid of company. Many of those who gathered there of an evening for a pipe and a social glass, were above at the mansion where the gentility of the town were cele brating the union of two of its most prominent families. Only a few scattered groups of two or three, mostly of the seafaring class, were assembled. Gerald de Lacey paused and, out of the dreariness of his ap proaching exile, regarded wistfully that homely, familiar place, whence light and comfort seemed to irradi Even the broad and genial behind the bar, was suggestive of good cheer. So suddenly that he had not time to take any precautions, the door opened and Mr. da Lacey found himself confronted by Captain Greatbatch, that notorious smuggler to whose name so many people were ready to affix a harsher epithet. The fugitive would have ssed on quickly, but the other hailed him :

"May I beg to know your errand, comrade, that you go so fast?" The man so addressed slackened his pace and waited, for nothing could have been worse for his desire of secrecy than that he should excite suspicion, even in the mind of this sea-rover. Greatbatch. caught up with him, laid a detaining hand on his shoulder, from which Mr. de Lacey impatiently freed him-self, while the other peered at him a moment in the deep gloom, Ho! is it you, Master de Lacey?"

The fugitive, who had hoped that might escape recognition, made no further attempt at concealment,

but answered carelessly:

"Aye, Captain Greatbatch, it is 1."

"I should ha' thought," said
Greatbatch, with a cunning glance out of the corner of his eye. " that you would ha' been up at the great house with all the gentles for the marrying.

And so I have been," replied Mr. de Lacey, ' "though such merry-makings are but little to my taste. I am a man of books.

Which makes you so pale and said Greatbatch, aware of the contrast between his own rubi cund, even purplish countenance and that of his companion.

Moreover," added Mr. de Lacey composedly, though inwardly fuming at the necessity for such an explana tion, as well as at the insolent familiarity of the other, "I am leaving Manhattan for a brief period, and, as the weather is fair and the wind favorable, I sail tonight."

"For Barbadoes, mayhap," queried Greatbatch, inquisitively, "with Rogers Master on 'The Mermaid.' He sails for Madeira, St. Thomas and Barbadoes.'

There was more than a note of suspicion in the fellow's voice, and in the look that, turning round, he fixed upon the fugitive. Mr. de Lacey, making no direct answer.

said In the last place I have acquired interests that demand some looking after. And it is a fair wind for sailing and good weather.'

as you may know, Master, if you be, as I might say, o' the trade."

He gave his listener a poke in the ribs to emphasize his words. Mr. de Lacey, puzzled for a moment, was Lacey to be about to sail. But he presently relieved, for he saw how far off the scent was the seaman, to warious practices, for giving Rogers whom matters maritime were of par-Master and other honest seamen a cratic party. amount interest. His laugh, there-dre, seemed to Greatbatch a con-sequently weighed anchor without firmation of his suspicions.

"And mighty close you have been

about it, Master," he added with the long run. And wise you are to run away, if trouble is brewing, though my plan is to brave it out My Lord Bellomont "—and he added under his breath, "curse him |—is hard on the traders, harder than ever since he got bit by Cap'n Kidd, whom he had set to lord it over all of us and do the pirating for the Governor and for the King's Majesty, as I make no doubt, and as folks say Only that Kidd gave them the slip and cried 'By your leave, gentles, I'll do the piratin' for myself.' when I thinks on it." He Oh Lud He stopped to give a roar of laughter and to slap his knee with his great red hand:
"To think how he was cotched!"

his profit out o' the 'Quidder Merchant,'

thoughts into words these days," unlatched the garden gate and enanswered Mr. de Lacey, guardedly, tered. He walked from path to path,

Greatbatch snorted his unbelief.

Capt. Greatbatch scowled, whether at the warning itself or at the picture thus conjured up. But he said no more just then, and the two walked on in silence. They were upon the wharf now, which lay cold and pale in the dim starlight. To Mr. de Lacev the scene was one of consumtemper of the mind color even inanimate nature. The river spread out black before them; there was an odor of salt water, wet wood and tar intermingled. Save for an occasional light gleaming out from a vessel at anchor, that vast sheet of water might have been a desert plain.
"There's the brigantine, youder,"

said Greatbatch, pointing with one thick and grimy finger; "'The Mer-maid,' Rogers Master. A rough voyage he had of it last time. chased by a French privateer. He struck a great gale of wind off Sandy Hook, which carried away his boom and washed three able-bodied men

He still assumed that his companion was about to embark on "The Mermad," and turned in that direction. In fact, Mr. de Lacey's destination was far other. He was going to board a small sloop, which lay quietly at anchor at the foot of the Smith's VIv and which was to take him to the Colony of Massachusetts. It was highly important that his place of refuge should be secret from all but his two or three staunch friends, and ler, to gain any knowledge whatso ever of his movements, was some-thing to be prevented at all hazards. He might, he feared, tence or another to abandon for the nonce his plan of escape. As it seemed likely that Greatbatch, who din not appear to be going anywhere in particular and was full of curiosity, might insist on seeing him aboard ship, Mr. de Lacey suddenly stopped :

Captain Greatbatch," he said, " I will be frank with you. As I am leaving Manhattan with no charge against me, nor even a suspicion of being involved in smuggling operations, it is of the greatest moment to me that I should not appear in your company."

For an instant the coarse face of Greatbatch grew purple with indignation, and his bristling eyebrows were drawn down in a scowl. But whether from policy or because the words tickled his sense of humor, he burst into a laugh. Giving Mr. de burst into a laugh. Giving Mr. de Lacey a push, which at another time would have been highly resented by that gentleman, he cried:

"Go your ways, then, Tom Great-batch thrusts his company on no man. No, by the Lord Harry! he don't. Nor is Rogers Master over-fond of me, though he might want me yet to get his chestnuts out of the

Good-bye, then." said Mr. de Lacey gaily, adding, though he well knew the uselessness of such coun-sel: "Mum's the word!" "Mum's the word!" repeated Greatbatch.

Greatbatch looked after the retreating figure apparently heading for "The Mermaid."

" Mum's the word, till it suits Tom Greatbatch to open his lips. There's your canting Christian for you and, as some folks say, a pestilent Papist. Thick as thieves he used to be up yonder at the Fort with Dongan and the Mass priests, when I was ship-ping for my first cruise. And now doin' his bit o' tradin' on the quiet, I part in the troubles that marked the Better'n we are like to have in make no doubt like the rest o' the exclaimed gentles; keepin' the bread out of us administration. Still, he thought, poor men's mouths and sneakin' it might be quite possible that, these colonies, by ——" exclaimed gentles; keepin' the bread out of us Greatbatch, swearing a great oath, poor men's mouths and sneakin' away when the chase grows hot."

He would like to have gone down and interviewed the skipper of that had his own reasons, growing out of wide berth. The brigantine consequently weighed anchor without Greatbatch being any the wiser and without having on board one Gerald de Lacey, Gentleman, late Major of Hussars. And a few moments later. Samuel States or Abraham de Bright Market Bright Market Samuel States or Abraham de Bright Market Bright Market Samuel States or Abraham de Bright Market Bright Mar something of admiration, "but none Hussars. And a few moments later, so quiet as will not be found out in in a spanking breeze and headed for Long Island Sound, sailed the sloop, Anna Maria," Jenkins Master.

CHAPTER X

HUSBAND AND WIFE Sitting on the porch before his in tolerably close proximity to the de Laceys' dwelling, Mynheer de Vires untenanted. He rose from his chair obliged to leave Manhattan for and, still smoking, strolled down the reasons connected with illicit traffic, street for a cautious survey of his it might very well become necessary neighbor's premises. He stood outfor Mynheer also to take the road. voice, he continued:

"Though there be some that say the Governor was deep in it as another man, and, if all had gone that say the Governor was deep in it as another man, and, if all had gone that say the continued of the conti another man, and, if all had gone well with Kidd and he had played fair with his mates, he would ha had indescribable sense of blankness, of and a deal besides. What think you,
Master?"

Holdermess, that belongs to the deal besides. What think you,
been withdrawn. Mynheer wanted loneliness, that belongs to a habita Tis a wise man that puts not his to be certain of the fact, and softly and, in truth, my own opinion unmindful of the sweet fragrance

would be that all that relates to His of the flowers. He drew close to the decision, so apart were the two men reward—exile—which to a French-

this sudden departure?' a few days afterwards with the grandmother. This was quite natural and to be expected. But where to what was passing in the town, might very well have thrown out in the tayorus, or whispered in were the father and the servants? The two negroes, mother and daughter, who did the work of the cottage, were not slaves. The younger, Elsa, had long been Mistress Evelyn's Evelyn's | peared. maid and personal attendant, as the mother had been her nurse. By a sudden inspiration, Mynheer went round to the kitchen door; it was locked. He looked in the kitchen window; all was dark and still. That settled the matter to the mind of the inquirer. If the master of the house were expected back shortly, servants would not have gone. For the elder woman in particular rarely stirred from her comfortable

Mynheer de Vries returned street to his own mansion. Through the window he could see his wife, who was fat and went seldom abroad, knitting near a marble-topped table.

"In the ordinary course of events," reflected Mynheer, as he ascended the steps to the porch, "de Lacey would have notified me, as his nearest neighbor, of his de the eye. Her virtues or her qualifiparture and have asked, I opine, my good offices for the protection of his ornamental character. affair of the Van Cortlandt family.' He tried to solve the problem, and,

in his impatient curiosity, felt resentful towards his wife because she sat so placidly in her chair. He had the spirit in observing their fair an angry feeling that ne would to drag her thence into the swift current of public affairs. The feeling was but momentary. She was between the momentary of the place, as if he had been supported to the place of th an angry feeling that he would like neighbor. trouble to him, than if she were one of these meddlesome women, who, from the first days of the Colony, had taken a leading part in Colonial affairs and had pulled many a political string. Mynheer stroked and thus cogitated:

trading operations, what does he ample store of wines, he mentally know and how much might he tell, if his whereabouts were to be discovered ?"

The true reason for Mr. de Lacev's departure did not occur to him. had not been in the colony in Dongan's time, and had never chanced to hear much of his neighbor's per. sion in Manhattan would otherwise have been bare indeed. For even hear much of his neighbor's personal history or of his close connec tion with He himself was very moderately interested in religious affairs, and was, ready to "sneeze with the Dominies" only in so far as that nasal exercise was expedient. He had no fear of He never thought of it at Popery. circle as coming under the anti-Pop-

The only possible alternative to complicity in smuggling operations was a too pronounced activity on the anti-Leislerian side of the great controversy, though, in truth, he could not recall a single instance where his neighbor had meddled with present-day politics, or taken any r whole course of Lord Bellomont's though living a very quiet life, he had made himself in some way obnoxious to the Governor and his chief advisers, who were frankly Leislerian, because of his and his daughter's intimacy with the Van Cortlandts and others of the aristo-

This supposition was more agree parties. He was as friendly with Samuel Staats or Abraham de Peyster as with Nicholas Bayard, Pieter Schuyler or Stephen Van Cortlandt. ferent. Mynheer was very deeply involved. He had allowed his habitpassion for gain. He was fairly consumed by the desire to make money, ouse and smoking an evening pipe for acquisitiveness was the dominant was the first to notice that it was If Mr. de Lacey had really been untenanted. He rose from his chair obliged to leave Manhattan for Greatbatch and others of the wary merchant's connection with smug-glers and their doings. If then it

ellency must be but idle gossip." house, and peered in though the in character as in standards of consentation are close as an oyster," he is afforded. The aspect of the to his mind, and that was that the "You are close as an oyster," he said, "and right you may be, but Tom Greatbatch's way is to speak his mind that Gerald de Lacey's absence must mind fair and open."
"Well, each to his own fashion," "He was at the wedding," mused beware that one of these days you do not run your neck into a halter."
Capt. Greatbatch scowled, whether "Capt. Greatbatch scowled, whether "Capt. Greatbatch scowled, whether "Not and that was that the secret of his meighbor's absence must be kept as long as possible. He himself would do all in his power to maintain such secrecy, and thus lessen the chances of his capture and the possible revelations that might follow. And this determination on his part was the easier inasmuch as gathered about, for he knew that a little angry and a little ashamed. His task was not a pleasing one to a soldier. He was to evict the Carthusians from the monastery of Grenoble and he did not like the work, but it was his duty and he proposed to do it. He wished to avoid trouble with the people who had an water and ammunition, running aparties of fire between the main line of the possible revelations that the secret of his neighbor's absence must be kept as long as possible. He himself would do all in his power to maintain such secrecy, and thus lessent the chances of his capture and bleated between the main line of the possible revelations that the secret of his neighbor's absence must be kept as long as possible. He himself would do all in his power to maintain such secrecy, and thus lessent the chances of his capture and bleated between the main line of the was his duty and he proposed to do it. He was to evict the Carthus and bleated between the main line of the was his duty and he proposed to do it. He was to evict the Carthus and bleated between the main line of the same of a living being could cross the shell was the weldier. He was to evict the Carthus and bleated between the main line of the same of a living being could cross the shell was the weldier. He was to evict the Carthus and the did not like He looked carefully all over the atterior of the house, as though he late inhabitants. exterior of the house, as though he exterior of the house, as though he exterior of that an answer might be of the cottage and a profound admirforthcoming from the walls. He ation for Mistress Evelyn and for for some days previous to the weddays and would probably remain for

the drawing-rooms that a prominent resident of Manhattan had disap-

Mynheer further resolved to find out what he could of the causes that led to such disappearance. promised himself to sound G He batch, who could be brutally frank at times, and to listen to the talk of the seafaring frequenters of Der Halle. He even determined to address a few discreet lines to Mistress Evelyn de Lacey, whom he had long regarded approvingly as a distinct asset to their neighborhood, volunteering his assistance in case thoughtfully along the darkening please the Van Cortlandts. He considered it a grievance that he should be no longer able to catch glimpses of Evelyn at her work in the garden or passing Mynheer passing up and down the street. Mynheer had always been an admirer of beauty, and his own "gude Vrow" had long since passed the stage when she was agreeable to cations were certainly not of an Mynheer property, and even perchance of his could scarcely conceal from himself daughter, though that would be the the conviction that she was a blot on the landscape. Hence he had permitted himself, always within the bounds of discretion, to find a re-freshment to the eye and a solace to

the flowered tabby chimney-cloth, the velvet arm-chairs with trimmings of silver lace, And, though his he did not go upstairs to inspect his chin, as he often did when troubled, own and his wife's wardrobe, where rich silks, satins and brocades abounded; though he did not de-"How has de Lacey got himself involved, and in what? If it be in scend into the cellar to visit the how much he was indebted to Great batch and his like for such luxuries As an embargo was laid on nearly all foreign goods by the home govern ment, his mansion, and many a man the wealth he had acquired would not have been sufficient to provide so many luxuries by legitimate

means. Vrow de Vries watched her hus band, in placid wonderment, as he made the tour of the room. She sin-cerely hoped he would find there no all, and so had never imagined the de Laceys or any others of his own to annoy him exceedingly. For she was not the housekeeper that she had been, and even the best of slaves were not always to be trusted. this occasion, however, either the slaves had done their work efficiently, or Mynheer was too preoccupied to notice.

TO BE CONTINUED

THE CARTHUSIAN

"I protest, captain, against the orders which you gave us. We are citizens of France. We have broken no law. We have wronged no man, and the people here will give testimony that we have helped A low murmur of approval went

through the assembled throng, and many heads nodded approval.

will be serious if there are any soldiers killed or wounded.

"It was far from my intention, cap-"Anna Maria," Jenkins Master, upon which had really embarked a fugitive from persecuting laws.

But, in so far as illicit trading with Greatbatch or others of his kidney was concerned, things were very different was train, to rouse the people. In fact, we found them roused over the passage of these iniquitous and unjust laws and we have preached and urged the futility of resistance to the ual caution to fly to the winds in his powers that rule France today. You passion for gain. He was fairly conneed not fear any trouble, I assure you, captain. The people will obey for acquisitiveness was the double of his character. He had, note of his character. He had, therefore, good reason to feel uneasy, given them. But I will not leave the monastery without at least a Here for hundreds of years the orders and will follow the advice our Fathers have dwelt peaceably, injuring no man and helping many. street for a cautious survey of the neighbor's premises. He stood outnessed the gate, and allowed his eyes to wander over the levely profusion of wander over the levely profusion of wander over the levely profusion of the neighbor of the country people had been on a far larger scale than his knee with his great red nand.
"To think how he was cotched!"
Looking around to be sure that they were alone, and lowering his voice, he continued:

They noted that the study window was closed, and that the study window was closed, and that anything that could have been at tempted by deLacey. Also, the fugitive well have been informed by so that they have flourished and borne wightvery well have been informed by We have provided the knowledge and meaning for warding chanced that he were recaptured, are subject. We have shown them might he not be tempted to make revelations which, incriminating the hungry and clothed the naked; others, would save himself? Mynheer, smoking vigorously, pondered on what kind of man de Lacey really was, but could not come to any from the grounds, and what is our main body of the French had been

man is death."

The captain flushed red. He was a little angry and a little ashamed.
His task was not a pleasing one to a living being could cross the shell trouble with the people who had gathered about, for he knew that a word from the Superior of the monastery would precipitate a pitched battle. The people would get the worst of it, but his orders were strict. He was to carry out the commands he had with as little excitement and strife as possible. It would not do for the republic to appear to be carrying out high-handed measures of robbery and confiscation without the consent, nay, the positive approba-

"There are too many priests in France," he said; "you are the drones in the hive. You have done much, but you have received much," and he pointed to the splendid monastery and noble church

The Superior smiled a little bitter "This represents the lives and labors of monks for hundred of v they came and prayed and toiled, asking nothing and receiving nothing for themselves. They had a cot to sleep on which you, captain, would despise, and a narrow cell to sleep in, which you would find very uncomfortable, though you are a soldier and supposed to be inured to hardships. They gave up their life and liberty, and in subjection to the will of others they lived here. What did they receive for this, cantain? Let us hope, a heavenly crown, for certainly this world did little for world by their study and toil.

Today the French people—the peasants are the richest in Europe, if not in the world. Yet the government trenches with deadly effects, and the must drive us forth in its insane hatred of the Church and in its instant at the enemy's trenches except satiable greed for wealth. Are we through skillfully concealed peris not Frenchmen? Are we not citiin Africa.

monks, as I have told you before, put up a successful resistance. never seen them before; the silk and a prolongation of the discussion damask curtains, the rich carpets, is not of any avail. Even if I recogand a prolongation of the discussion nize that there is much truth and justice in what you say, it is beyond ny power to change the laws which Paris makes for France."

"That is the difficulty, that Paris makes the laws for France," cried the Superior. "These laws are not the will of the French people.

"It is useless to argue," cried the captain, "and I must ask you now for the third time to open the door." "And I," answered the Superior. "for the third time refuse. the trench easily." calmly. We will not surrender our monastery willingly. We shall not resist, but you must expel us if we are to out for the day; during the night a regiment will be sent to relieve you." and prayed to be permitted to spend the rest of our lives."

The captain gave a word of commade of heavy oak, but the axes made short work of it. When the made short work of it. When the hausted men stuck to their task manfully during the horrors of the doors were battered down the cap tain stepped inside. "Permit me, day following.

The next night a regiment did Superior, taking him by the arm.

The Superior, thus escorted, passed On over the ruins of the door into the street. One by one the religious were thus escorted from the monastery. The people began to hoot and hiss at the soldiers as they saw the monks ejected, but the Superior held began to arrive, and as they came up his hand authoritatively and the the weary men who were relieved

were sobbing and crying and the farewell that followed was touching. The captain and his soldiers escorted to the railroad station regiment addressed him as colonel. were sobbing and crying and the who relieved the major of his arduous cused himself.

The whole thing, he said, had been

The Superior answered that he understood. He bore no grudge the newly promoted officer, who was against the captain or against France In fact, he promised he would pray for both, for which the captain again politely thanked him, though he shrugged his shoulders as if he did not feel that he needed prayers. When the Paris-Rome express arrived, for the monks were going into exile in Italy, the captain saw to it that all were placed safely aboard and then, heartily glad this disagreeable task was over, he said with just the faintest shade of irony:

"Good by, Fathers."
"We shall be back," smiled the Superior, detecting the ironic tone. "None of us, perhaps—but the French Carthusians will return. France needs us and France will some day when we hear the call we shall return."

The men of the Seventy-first regiment thought they had been for-gotten, left to die; that is, those of them who were still alive. They had been isolated from the main line for three days and the Germans closing in about Verdun were pressing them hard.

After they had taken their position in the front trench their communicating lines had been destroyed by the terrific bombardment of enemy

the Germans and one by one the trenches had been destroyed and line of the army and the deci mated regiment. Night by night the men of the Seventy-first had dragged their wounded comrades back comparative safety and bravely re turned to almost certain death their regiment. There had been many killed on these dangerous expeditions, but volunteers never failed when the major (who had been in command since the colonel was killed) called for them. Each tion of the people. He allowed his tongue to get the better of him for night, too, the word came from the general staff—hold on !—the trench must be held at all costs. You will

be relieved as soon as possible.
Each time the major received the message, he smiled grimly. Hold on! Yes, they would hold on—till every one of them died—but relief, that was impossible while the Germans naintained their present position No regiment could cross the ope ground between the isolated trench and main line, even by night, and survive. Even the small parties of volunteers got through with the greatest difficulty, and a large body of troops would be discovered at once by trench rockets, constantly fired from the German line. major knew that the line of being rebuilt, but before they would be completed the major kne certainly this world did little for them, though they did much for the killed or taken prisoner.

The Germans had gathered in about them so closely that they zens? I myself have served France in Africa."

Copes. Really all the smelled or wounded and fully half the men. The rest copes. Nearly all the officers of the "I regret," answered the captain,
"that it is my unpleasant duty to
carry out the will of my superior
officers. We have been ordered to mans rushed the trench the close this monastery and expel the felt that his men could not longer had seen some of them, strong men, collapse in the trench, broken and trembling, crying with sheer fright nervous wrecks.

It was useless to hold out any longer. On the third night major sent back word by one of his volunteers: "We cannot hold out more than one day. The spirit of the survivors is broken. There are not enough now to man the trench. Send help at once or the trench must be abandoned. If the Germans knew our weakness, they could take

Towards morning, the messenge crept back with the answer: "Hold

The major did not give this news to the discouraged remnant of the Seventy-first, but somehow or other the word was passed that on the fol

come through, a volunteer regiment, volunteers for almost certain death They were nearly all Bretons, and clamor ceased.

"Let us pray," he said. The people and the monks knelt while the Superior recited the Rosary, the people answering. Some of them was the superior regiment, were solved as the superior regiment. and dangerous duty. To the major's

"Major," he corrected.
"Colonel," insisted the other.
"Promoted for heroic defense of this painful to him, but what could he do?

Tronbut to have also awarded you the cross. I congratulate you." "Thank you, colonel," answered unable to restrain the tears which flowed down his face, "but your task is harder than mine. Tomorrow they will probably attack in force.

"My Bretons will gold the trench, said the colonel, cheerfully. "They would follow me to death. Many of them I knew years ago at Grenoble "At Grenoble!" cried the other

"At Grenoble! Why I was once stationed there and now I recognize your voice. You were a Carthusian—and now you are a colonel in the army of France." "I am still a Carthusian," answered

the colonel, gravely. "And now I re call you. You are the captain who had the unpleasant duty of expelling us. Do you remember that I said that France would call us back France called, and here we are, God grant, to stay. And now, colonel, it is time for you to get back to the lines, and I wish you a safe jour-

ney."
"Father will you hear my confession?" asked the other. "It is many sion?" asked the other. "It is many years since I have received the Sacraments, but the trenches have taught me much. I am glad to kneel at your feet, in reparation for the wrong I did you."
"Not for the wrong you did me,

said the colonel of the Bretons gently but for the good of your soul." From his pocket he drew forth the purple stole and the colonel

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