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WINIFRED COUNTESS OF NITHSDALE. a tale of the jacobite wars.




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Trasen doct never posperer what sh thesen
 dheir persons-preserve the thir fidelity to the king of The Earl of Nitbsdale tumed $\pi$ warning glance
pon his wife, whose feelings had for a moneat out un ber prudence. The blood rushed into her face
her eyes filled with tears. " Yay, dearest cousin, you are moved. Forpive Whig or Tory, Protestant or Catholic, Jacobite or
ot, I love you dently; nad if ever there should aries



Although the earl would not have denied his nither nnecessarily forward in expressing lis sentimeyt He respected the sincere patriotism of tho Dube of
Montrose ; he did tim the justice to believe ethat in on trose ; he did uim the justice to believe waus
wan from firm conviction that he was so streuous
apporter of the Protestant succession; nud it was rard, the dule retired fromi the rainistry, rather
hana support the Earl of Oxford in measures of

## CHAPTER IX

Wighton's coming, Nithsdalo's coming, ithrington and Nairne's coming


The queen's health was now declining; aud Lon
Nitbsdale in conmon with many otters of hi party, looked for wand to
estoration of the Stuarts.
His impartial judgrents acknowledged that, un-
 which ran in her veing. He nugared, from her
ilence upon the address of both houses of parlinnent, urging ber to press tho Duke of Lorrnine
nod Ler other ullies to exclude the Pretender from their dominions, and from her open disnpprobation
of the Elector's sitting in the house of peers as the Dake of Cambidge or even taking up lis abode in
England, that her secret inclinations were in fuvor
of her brother. All these considerations combined to render Lo
ithsdale nawilling to disturl the tranquility
 his country, or the to sacrincifice either the pence of loyalty in which
he land been brought up. The moment, bowerer, camo at length, in which
conficting duties made it dificult for the most conscientious to preserve a fama untarnished, or so to
conduct themselvest that their motives should not

 serece on those who were exposed to trina,
placed in inditcultice, from which all are now hap
pily exempt. Queen Anne died; and it might have afiorled
leson to both the claimants to her throne thaththe
under under whom this country bad ranked higher in the
scale of nitions than at any prcvioup priol of its
bitery crowned will unexampled success-under whom no
Britigh subietts blod had heen shed for treason-
this " that "god Uucen Anne," the mild and merciful,
sank a victim to mentelan anxiety, a martyr to the
 by both purties with unabated ardor, and Loril
Vithbdale's sopes that the tille of Bing, James th Nithsdale's hopes that the tille of Bing Jam eB the
T'hird might be ackoowledged were quickly Liasted. The Duke of Montrose, true to the Protstan
Thase, hastenell to Edinurgh, there to assist in th cause, hastenell to Edinburgh, there to agsist in the
proclamation of the Elector, and the Juculites lost uo time in communicating with the Pretender.
Both pity and indfanation had been roused in the Entr of Nithsdale'i' bosom, when, upon the queen's
death, the King of Fince intimated to the cheva-
Iier that it was expected he would immedistely quit his territurices, and return to Lorraine; and
when, on the other band, the King of England
fused an audience to the minister of Lorraine the unfortun
dominions.
That
That the descendant of a long line of monarch
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$\qquad$ most ardent Jacobites. It wns tbe gearrous impule
of compassion for the injured-indignation, reckles of compassion for the injured-indignation, recklese
of the consequences, which prompted his conduct,
ont rather than
with success.
Wille oth
the hing , whose foreign language, manalarer, and
habits wers not calculgated to please the multitude
 the graat mass of landed property, Lord Nitbsdale
perceived that the new monnoch was determined,
spirited, and active. While others relied on the




 as intuminated, zand its strectstion, the tho whew with wity The government, anare that the ppirit of disarfee mensores et Bome severity towirls the sevotish Egree liable to saspiciou should be summoned th The Earl and Countess of Nithsdale were on
ening ou the bowling-green of their castle Terreagres, watching the gambors of their chantle
the litte Lord Mastell, a $\begin{aligned} & \text { atout, bold boy, wise ex }\end{aligned}$ up the steep grass bunk. IIe Lall turned it nypad
 The parents for a moment forgot the dipputed perils which awnited thembelget their country, the and delight of watching the enger-ppritede prid tion, every muscle called into action, every sinew
strined, as by turns he pushed, and dragged, and "He is a brave boy, is he not, my lord?" ex
claimed Lndy Nitinsdale, Tookiag into her husband" face, her eyes beaning with maternal pride; "ho
will not bring dikgrace upon the Mas wells ; Me
thiuks he may one day fight as gallantly for his
"Ood bless him !" ejaculated the eart; and he
tumed half away, ashanned of the emotion whicll
 requiring lis attendance at Ediaburgh, there to
ofler bail for hie good behavior, under pain of being "ived," said Lored Ny love, the decisive moment is ar-
 nd will not obey. I anc benceforward a rebel to
the existing goverument. The dio is cast. Alas lias! for this poor landt Let the orent be what it
may, ruin and degolation must fall on manyy. Bloo
must fow reed, it is an awtul thing to tale the first step
which munt inevitably lead to civil war""
"Nay, et foot upon his native land, all loval hecarta will storntion bloodlcsi? and was not the public mind
leas prupared for such an event than at the prosent leas prepared for such na event than at the present
moment? Oh, think more bopoftlly my dear
dear lord! The rose of snow' will bo triumphan The carl shook his hesd aorrowfilly. "I cannot
oin in the sanguine hopes of those who think this natter can be brought to a bjieedy termination.
trembe, Winifred, bay, do not look at me an
though you ncarcely believed, and yot blamed he contined, with a suillo in which there was net litlo honestly and sincerely wimb for its welfare. Dur-
ng the just and mild reign of tbe rould have gone hard with me to assift in any disThen a stranger and $a$ foreigner persecutes $m y$ guted beast, from one land to nuother-when $\varepsilon$, the perrons of note in the country are prosecuted, and counsiz the Duke of Ormond's name and
urmorinu bcaringe arc razed from out the list of
pecrs ; his nchievement as Kight of the Garter

 dale, proved false to the cause of his king through Lady Nithadale matched his kindling counten-
nec with love and ave: the color flushed into his
pale cheek ; bis eyes, so full of care, gleamed frome
 such spirits as mg noble lord's must carry victory
with them. Lett the king but set foot in scot T Yese "Wninifred, he resumed, nad an expression ing come in person, and come quickiy the but,
las! he is in the hands of those who use bim for wn the fear to myself-that he lacks that decision
bat boldnegs, that promptitude of action, which in nch an undertaking are so indispenably requisite
Why is he not herve even now? Why does not the
red, I tremble. Shoald we plungo our native
and in strife, ahoold the trose of snam' be indeed
stceped in ruddie hearte bluid,' and should we fall
At that moment the little Lord Maxwell came
I have owed the Royal James to land, father ;
here ha is in port .)
"Oh, take this for a good omenen, my lord p" asid
ady Nithsdale, kissing the bor. Lord Nithedale Lady Nithbda
ghook hig tead
him lissuise.

