

COUNTIES' COUNCIL.

LEEDS & GRENVILLE.

The County Council met in the Court House on Monday at ten o'clock, the Mayor in the Chair.

Present—Messrs. Anderson, Bell, Crawford, Cumming, Dillon, Green, Hunter, Hill, Kirker, Kirkland, Landon, Leach, Longley, Mooney, Peck, Peck, Ross, Robinson, Shanks, Tweedy and Waugh.

The Mayor laid before the Council the various communications which had reached him since last meeting of Council.

Mr. Hunter brought up a Petition in reference to a road in Edwardsburgh, asking the assistance of the Council.

Mr. Peden moved that all the papers in the hands of the Clerk be referred to the respective committees to which they belonged—carried.

Mr. Peden introduced a By-Law which was read a first time, in reference to the opening of the new Registry Office for the County of Leeds, which was read a first time. The report of the Committee for the erection of a Registry Office in Prescott for the County of Grenville was read by the Mayor. The Committee had changed the location of the intended building, and secured a more central locality from Mr. Patrick where a building is to be erected next year.

Mr. Waugh asked what steps had been taken in reference to the debt owing by Brockville.

The Mayor said he had called on the Town Clerk of Brockville, and that gentleman had informed him that nothing had been done by the Town Council to meet the demand. He then called on Mr. Sherwood to ascertain whether the County could proceed by law to collect the amount, and Mr. Sherwood informed him that such could be done, but he, the Mayor, did not wish to take any further steps without direction from the Council.

In respect to Prescott, last year's allowance had been paid, but the amount for the present year was not yet due.

The Council then adjourned till Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY.

The Council met at 10 o'clock.

The Mayor laid before the Council a statement made by the County Treasurer. The Treasurer reported that he had handed the list of lands in arrears for taxes to the Sheriff, but in consequence of the removal of the Government offices from Quebec to Toronto, the lands could not be advertised in the official Gazette till the completion of the arrangements made for the publication of the Gazette in Toronto. He has also stated that he is anxious to have a building erected on the site of the old County House, and that Mr. Morris had offered to lease the land from the Government for twenty years, which lease Mr. Morris had left with him in order to show to the Council. The Treasurer's statement also contained some information in relation to the efforts he had made to obtain from the Chief Superintendent of Education, the amount due in consequence of the Township of money in 1891 not being accounted for.

The Mayor laid before the Council an abstract of income from the tolls on the Prescott and Kempton County Road. He also mentioned the fact that the Chief Superintendent of Education had advertised for tenders for the completion and repairing the four County Roads. The contract would be submitted to the Council for sanction during the present session. He had pursued this course, as he did not wish to complete so important a contract without the advice of the Council. The contract, however, had commenced the work, and about \$1400 had already been expended although only between \$200 and \$300 had been received from the tolls since the commencement of the work.

Mr. Landon was desirous to know who the contractor was.

The Mayor said that Mr. Peden was the contractor.

Mr. Landon, in that case, wished to be informed whether Mr. Peden was entitled to a seat in the Council.

The Mayor remarked that, as the contract had not been signed, Mr. Peden was still entitled to his seat, at least such was his impression.

Mr. Hill observed that although the contract had not been signed, yet Mr. Peden had commenced the work, and let sub-contracts. The Mayor and the other commissioners were given full powers to sign the contract and the Council had no power over the work now.

Mr. Landon thought it a subject for serious consideration—Mr. Peden being in the Council under the circumstances might render all the acts of the Council illegal.

Mr. Kirker said that by the act it was necessary to enter objections not later than six weeks after the member's election—the law did not therefore keep Mr. Peden from taking his seat in the Council.

Mr. Peden only wanted the Council to acknowledge that his contract was in existence. The Commissioners had refused to sign the contract till it was laid before the Council. When the contract was signed he would be glad to retire from the Council.

The subject then dropped.

A By-Law was introduced for the purpose of establishing the new building on the West side of the Court House as the Registry Office for Leeds. It was read three times and passed.

Mr. Waugh moved that the first report of the Committee on Education be referred to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith, which was agreed to.

The report recommended that the

Trustees of Section No. 9, in August.

be allowed to dispose of the old site of their School House, and apply the funds towards the erection of another building. The recommendation was agreed to and on being reported to the Council the report was adopted.

Mr. Kirker moved that the Council assume the road leading from Gannanoke to the Pittsburgh town line, and that the revenue derived therefrom be set apart for the macadamizing of the said road, and that the clerk be instructed to draft a By-Law to that effect.

Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Kirker thought if the Council would agree to the motion, parties could be got willing to make the road if allowed the tolls for thirteen or fourteen years. If the Council did not assume the road, a private company might be formed who would build the road and secure the tolls for all the time to come.

Mr. Landon thought there was little fear of a private company securing the tolls for all time to come, as the law gave the Council power to resume the road at the end of twenty-one years. He would oppose the Council assuming any more roads, as County works as they had plenty of that description on hand already.

Mr. Crawford wished Mr. Landon to point out the law which gave the Council power to resume the road at the end of 21 years, if built by a private company.

Mr. Landon thought there was a law to that effect if it had not been repealed.

Mr. Peden said there might be a law of that kind in Farmersville but nowhere else.

Mr. Kerahan remarked that if building the road was to be a profitable affair, he would advise the Township to build the road.

Mr. Kirker answered that if the Township Council had the power, they would do so.

Mr. Landon, who had been looking up the law on the subject, as he found that the act gave the Council the power to resume the road at the end of 21 years. (Laughter.)

The motion was then put, and the following vote was taken:

Yeas—Messrs. Kirker, Peden, Robinson and Tweedy.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Bell, Crawford, Cumming, Dillon, Green, Hill, Hunter, Kerahan, Kirkland, Landon, Leach, Longley, Mooney, Peck, Peck, Ross, Robinson, Shanks, Tweedy and Waugh.

Mr. Landon moved that a Grammar School be established in Farmersville as soon as the Grammar School funds would permit—carried.

Mr. Waugh moved, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that the Mayor be instructed to take the necessary legal steps to collect the balance of taxes due by the Corporation of Brockville—carried.

Mr. Hill brought up a report from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, which, on motion, was referred to a Committee of the whole of the Council forthwith.

The report stated that the Committee had under consideration a petition in relation to the extension of the Victoria Macadamized Road to the waters of the Rideau, but they could not at present recommend the prayer of the petition to the Council. They also had before them a petition in relation to opening the Town Line between Edwardsburgh and Matilda, which they recommended to the consideration of the Council. The Committee of the whole Council did not discuss the prayer of the petition till the necessary legal steps were taken by the various parties interested. The Council then resumed, and the report was adopted "as amended."

Mr. Kirker moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson, that the Clerk be instructed to draft a By-Law to repeal the section of another By-Law establishing a toll on the Gannanoke Bridge.

Mr. Kirker said when it was agreed to establish the toll, the Council had determined to erect a stone bridge, but only a wooden bridge had been erected, and he thought the toll ought not to be established.

Several members opposed the motion on the ground that it made no difference whether the bridge was stone or wood, so that it was secure, and on the motion being put it was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Peden brought up the first report of the Finance Committee, which was referred to a Committee of the whole, which agreed to, and adopted.

Several of the Townships having had a portion of the school money kept back by the Chief Superintendent in consequence of previous balances not being accounted for, Mr. Landon moved a resolution on the subject, wishing the Council to take steps in order to satisfy the Chief Superintendent that, although the balances had not been accounted for, yet the Council was convinced from the known character of the sub-treasurers, that all the money had been properly paid out, and that if the Chief Superintendent would forward the money kept back, the Council would become responsible for the same.

The amount kept back from the Rear of Yonge and Escott was \$79 16 11d. Mr. Landon explained that the balance kept back from this township belonged to the Township of Yonge, but it was not altered, and was now the Rear of Yonge and Escott. The late Mr. Purvis acted as clerk and sub-treasurer, and since his death search had been made for his school accounts, but they could not be found. All who knew Mr. Purvis, however, were satisfied of his upright and honest character, and that he had paid the money in question correctly away. As the Chief Superintendent kept back that amount, and as it was a serious loss to the township, he wished the County Council to take whatever steps they could to obtain payment of the sums kept back from the several Townships interested.

Mr. Waugh thought it was a matter for the Township Council, not the County Council.

Mr. Peden was of the same opinion, and moved to refer the matter to the Township Council, which was agreed to by a large majority.

Mr. Crawford brought up a resolution, which he moved, to the effect that the Council denied the power of the Government to lease the slip of land held by the Hon. James Morris, that the land belonged to the Council, and that the clerk be instructed to draw up a lease between the Council and the Government, by which the Council would agree to lease the land to Mr. Morris for a period of 21 years at a yearly rental of \$12 10s. He also moved that the Treasurer be instructed to lay before the Council the government lease, placed in his hands by Mr. Morris.

Mr. Anderson seconded the resolution which was agreed to.

When the vote was taken, Mr. Bell was not at the table and did not vote. He was called upon to record his name either with the yeas or nays, when he mentioned that his name had been put down as a seconder to Mr. Peden's motion without his knowledge, and he would have to vote against it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Peden brought up the second report of the Finance Committee, which on motion was referred to a committee of the whole Council.

The report recommended that five shillings per day be deducted from Mr. Kelly's account for surveying, the by-law only allowing fifteen shillings per day, while Mr. Kelly had charged 20s. in consequence of the increased rate of provisions. The report also recommended a claim made by Mr. Ambrose Clouston for consideration of the Council. The claim was made for losses sustained by Mr. Clouston as contractor on the Prescott and Kempton Toll road.

Mr. Kerahan proposed to allow Mr. Clouston \$500 in full of all demands. Mr. Kerahan knew that Mr. Clouston had lost money on the contract, and that his circumstances at the time compelled him to accept the \$500, but he was not by any means satisfied with the amount paid him. He believed that had Mr. Clouston stood out for \$750 he would have received that sum.

Mr. Hunter, as one of the commissioners, who settled with Mr. Clouston had agreed to give \$500. He did not know that the work done was worth more, although he was aware that Mr. Clouston had lost money. He would move in amendment that the sum of \$100 be allowed in full of all demands, to pay for Mr. Clouston's extra labor.

Mr. Peden remarked that when the Council granted the \$500, it was before the Council at their last meeting, the commissioners put the amount down at \$1000, although Mr. Clouston only set down at \$800, showing that he was really more honest than the commissioners.

The Mayor stated that he really believed Mr. Clouston had not had heavy bills due at the time, he would not have taken the \$500.

Mr. Hickock thought it was time to stop the system of paying for losses, after settlement. Mr. Clouston had given a receipt in full, and there the matter ought to end.

The vote was then taken when four voted for Mr. Hunter's amendment and none for the original motion. The vote was a second time when eight voted for \$100, and thirteen against it. A protest was submitted to the Council against paying toll, at toll gate No. 1, on the Prescott and Kempton toll road, praying compensation for losses sustained by him in consequence of the road being out of repair. He set down the sum at \$75.

Mr. Hunter moved that the sum of \$50 be allowed Mr. Stett.

On motion six voted for Mr. Hunter's proposal and twelve against it.

The next item in the report of the Finance Committee was respecting a sum of \$1500 asked by the Trustees of the Brockville Grammar school house. This sum was to be paid to the Brockville Grammar school house. The committee could not recommend to be paid.

The report recommended the payment of \$25 to Mr. Keeler, chairman of the commissioners of the Prescott and Kempton toll road, as payment for the labor he bestowed in overseeing the work.

The Council then resumed, and the report of the committee of the whole was adopted when the Council adjourned till Thursday.

(To be Continued.)

THE COUNTRIES' COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER SESSION.

Perth, Oct. 2, 1895.

The Council met at 9 o'clock per adjournment last evening; the Roll was called; a quorum present, and the Mayor in the Chair.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and signed.

Mr. Shaw moved seconded by Mr. Playfair, and

Resolved—That the Council do now proceed to ballot for the several Standing Committees of the Session.

The usual Standing Committees of the Session were then balloted for and were—

Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Shaw, Fraser, Frizell, McDougall and Smith.

Finance—Messrs. Shaw, Mothwell, Playfair, Hannah and McAdam.

Education—Messrs. Shaw, Hannah, Conboy, Toshack and Robertson (Drummond).

On motion of Mr. Mothwell seconded by Mr. Stanley the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on Contingencies—Messrs. Smith, Conboy, Githly, Robertson (Drummond) and Mothwell.

On motion of Mr. Playfair seconded by Mr. Shaw, a Railroad Committee was balloted for and resulted as follows—

Railroad Committee—Messrs. Shaw, Fraser, Playfair, McDougall and Toshack.

Mr. Conboy moved seconded by Mr. Shaw, and

Resolved—That the Pension of John Summer, Alexander Clark and others for a grant of money to build a bridge over the County for the payment of a long as the jurors of Lower Township were paid by Government. He moved in order to get jurors paid, not by County Council.

Mr. Landon agreed with Mr. Teti, not think that parties attending jurors had much to complain of as they were not called so often as in old law. He supposed that in seven or eight years a sufficient number of jurors would be called so high as to make it that the persons summoned to be called for a few days in so many years in the township be represented by a qualification was \$181, and he thought there was a single man own a horse.

Mr. Teti moved a similar at last meeting of Council, but no such understanding that almost all counties paid the jurors, he thought the Counties of Leeds and Grenville paid the jurors also.

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An Account from William Allan for Stationery.

An Account from the Geolier.

An Account from the County Clerk.

An Account from the Telegraph Office.

Two communications per Telegraph from Brockville in reference to the Brockville & Ottawa Railway.

Mr. Conboy then gave notice that he

would during this Session introduce a By-Law granting a certain sum of money towards the erection of a bridge over the River Jock near the village of Ashton, on the townships of Beckwith in the County of Lanark and Goulborne in the County of Carleton.

Mr. Shaw, moved, seconded by Mr. Toshack—

Resolved—That the By-Law providing for the payment of such sums of money as may be granted and passed during this Session, be read a first time.

The By-Law was read a first time.

Mr. Robertson (McNab) moved seconded by Mr. Playfair.

Resolved—That the By-Law providing for the payment of such sums of money as may be granted and passed during this Session, be read a first time.

The Council then adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Perth Oct. 3.

The Council met at 4 o'clock P. M., agreeable to adjournment, the Roll having been called a quorum present, the Mayor took the Chair and the Council proceeded.

Mr. Robertson (Drummond) gave notice that he would to-morrow move that this Council cause an inquiry to be instituted in reference to the Weights, Measures, Beams and Scales that are in general use throughout the United Counties as he is aware that in some instances they are very faulty and that the public suffer thereby.

Mr. Shaw, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges submitted their report which was read and

Mr. Stanley, in amendment to the last section.

Resolved—That W. R. F. Bredford be, and he is hereby instructed to go and examine the place where a bridge is required to be erected over the river Jock, of the village of Ashton, prepare a plan and specification of the bridge to be submitted to the next Session of the Council a copy of such plan and specification to be transmitted by him forthwith to the Clerk of the Carleton County Council stating to him that it is the intention of this Council to co-operate with them for the erection of said contemplated bridge and that the portion of the Report relating to this matter be struck off.

The remaining portion of the Report on Roads and Bridges was then adopted and read.

Your Committee would also recommend all papers and documents relative to the proposed bridge formerly were under the superintendence of the Counties be transmitted to the several Townships Municipalities, and the Clerk of this Council be desired to carry out the spirit and intention contained in this clause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD SHAW, Chairman.

SUTTON FRIZELL, JAMES SMITH, J. L. MCDUGALL.

The Council adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Council Chamber, Perth 4th Oct., 1895.

The Council met this morning at 9 o'clock per adjournment; the Roll was called; a quorum present, and the Mayor in the Chair.

The Minutes of proceedings of yesterday having been read were signed by the Mayor.

An Account from A. H. Wiseman.

A Report from the County Clerk, recommending the outside wood-works of the Court House, to be painted, the Judge's Chair and Bench to be newly trimmed, and other small improvements to be made.

Mr. Stanley gave notice that he would at the next sitting of Council move for a Committee to draw up a Memorial to the Government, praying them to repeal the present law, so far as the meetings of the County Council are concerned, and in lieu thereof, substituted a more economical mode of transmitting the affairs of County business.

Mr. McDougall, from the Railway Committee, submitted their Report, which was read and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Railway beg leave to report.

That there is no communication from the Brockville and Ottawa Railway since the last Session of your Council.

2nd. Your Committee find that the sum of \$200,000 currency, raised by virtue of a By-Law of your Council on the credit of the Municipal Loan Fund is disposed of as follows:—

Loaned to the Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company, \$24,333 13 4

Deposited in the Agency of the Bank of Upper Canada at Brockville, 24,333 13 4

Remaining in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, 151,333 13 4

\$200,000 0 0

3rd. Your Committee having considered all matters connected with the Brockville and Ottawa Railway; have come to the conclusion that the \$24,333 13 4 currency in Municipal Debentures, now deposited in the Agency of the Bank of Upper Canada at Brockville, should be returned to the Receiver General as early as the Wardens of this Municipality find it advisable and convenient to do so. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Wardens be authorized to exercise his judgment in this matter and to put himself forthwith in communication with the Government relative thereto.

4th. Your Committee have ascertained that the Treasurer of these Counties has been notified respecting the payment of the half yearly interest upon the amount issued by these Counties maturing 30th December next, and your Committee judging from the fact that the interest on the maturing last June has not yet been paid by the company, they are minded to his necessities. He made bold to take up a collection, giving out the following yarn as the hat was passing around:—

Lord what a wretched land is this, That yields us no supply.

5th. Upon examination of the Report of the Committee upon Railroads, and before the Council on June Session, your Committee observe that that Committee in taking into consideration the amount of interest that would have to be provided by these Counties, in case the

Company failed in performing their engagements; took into consideration the 2 per cent upon the \$200,000 sig. of Debentures, being the principal on which the 2 per cent to provide for the and the amount stated by this Committee of five hundred and eleven pounds thirteen shillings and two pence, this amount your Committee are led to making fund has matured, has been directed to be returned to the Government by orders of the Council.

6th. Your Committee being desirous of prolonging the collecting of taxes to pay the interest accruing, and that will accrue on Debentures issued by these Municipalities, would recommend that the Treasurers of these Counties be direct to notify the Clerks of the several Municipalities not to collect the taxes before the 15th of November next. At the same time, in the opinion of the Committee, the Clerks of the several Municipalities should fill, or cause to be filled up the Railroad columns on their Collectors Roll, lest the Company should fail to provide for the interest that has and will accrue. And should the Company provide for the interest by the 1st Nov. next; your Treasurer should be instructed to address the several Clerks that such interest has been paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. MCDUGALL, Chairman.

A. W. PLAYFAIR, RICHARD SHAW, GERVILLE TOSHAACK, A. FRASER.

Mr. Shaw from the Finance Committee submitted their Report, which was read and adopted as follows:—

The Committee on Finance, having examined the several papers & documents submitted to them, beg leave to report as follows:—

They recommend the payment of certain sums of money to the following undersigned individuals:

James Allan, [Board of Public Instruction],\$1 6 7

Robert Kellock, [Candler],1 12 0

James Bell,3 13 0

Robert Kellock, [Candler],32 3 14

William Allen, [Stationery],2 14 1

James Morris,1 4 0

W. R. F. Bredford,10 7 0

Grand Telegraph Company,7 8

Anthony H. Wiseman,0 11 10

They would recommend, that the Treasurer with the assistance of the Wardens of these Counties, be authorized to borrow \$300, to assist him for providing for present County liabilities.

Your Committee would recommend that the Judge's Chair be renewed, and that a new carpet be procured to be placed within the Bench, as also what number of trees may be required to replace those that have been decayed.

The painting of the outside wood-work of the Court House, your Committee are of opinion should be deferred till next Spring.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD SHAW, Chairman.

WM. MCDONALD, JOHN MOTHERWELL, JAMES HANNAH, A. W. PLAYFAIR.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Colonel Playfair,

Resolved, That to expedite business, the 33rd Rule of this Council be suspended during this Session.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Playfair, the By-Law providing for the payment of certain sums of money be granted and allowed this session, and the Blanks filled up, and was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Toshack, the By-Law providing for certain sums of money granted at the present Session, had a third reading and was passed.

Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Conboy,

That the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges be brought up for re-consideration and that the 19th Rule of Council be suspended to allow such re-consideration to take place forthwith—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved, That a respectful representation be made by this Council to the Government, urging the necessity of an amendment to the Act now in force, in regard to the Summoning of Jurymen.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Council do notify the Treasurer to carry out the instructions recommended in the 6th clause of the Report of the Railway Committee.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Toshack,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Council be and he is hereby instructed to carry out the several clauses contained in the several Reports, according to their true spirit and intent.

Mr. McAdam moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson, [McNab], That inasmuch as Mr. Stanley has refused to pay the sum of \$25 which has been passed by the Report of the Corruption Committee at the last sitting of the Council, and the Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized, and required, in one month after the sitting, to put it in a way of collection, provided the money be not paid into the Treasurer before the month expires.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Colonel Playfair,

Resolved, That this Council cannot allow themselves to separate, without giving expression to the satisfaction entertained by the several members of this Council, at the partial and urbane manner displayed by our Wardens, as also the stand taken by him in matters connected with the Brockville and Ottawa Railway, during the time he has presided over us.

The Council then separated *Sine die*.

RAILWAY TIMES OFFICE.

Monday afternoon, Oct. 22, 1895.

came him on that point, and the maid followed her mistress to her chamber.

An attendant was immediately sent to ascertain if she wanted anything. She called for a little cord, and that was all.

During the next forenoon the duke entered his niece's chamber. He found her alone. He had heard words in his thoughts when he entered; but one look at the pale face of the unfortunate maiden drove them all away, and he felt, when he took his seat, more of sorrow than of anger.

"Angela," he said, "I am sorry this thing has happened."

"So am I, my uncle," returned the girl in a strange tone.

"Then why did you do it?"

"I could not help it. The monks brought me."

"Ah, but I meant your going away as you did."

"Alas, my lord, I should not sorrow for that. Had I remained among the honest peasants of the mountains, or gained the deep walls of some cloister, I might have been happy."

"But you said nothing of this to me, it is the duke with some surprise."

"And suppose I had: would it have altered the case?"

"The duke did not reply."

"I had told you all I felt, all I suffered," continued Angela, "would it have made any difference in the result of your plans? Would you have released me from the fearful bonds, or have in any way lightened my fate?"

"I would have done it all in my power."

"Ah, but did it lay in your power?"

"No."

"And would the cardinal have done it?"

"No, no, I do not think he would."

"Then why should I have given my tale of woe to you? It would have been worse than useless, for it might have led you to keep a watch over my movements. No, my uncle, from the first moment when I learned that you had given your word for my marriage with de Villani, I resolved to escape if possible. I have made the trial, and I have failed. I know what my fate is to be now, for I know the hearts of the men that rule me."

The maiden's words were soothing, and Michael Fontani covered beneath her burning glance. The last sentence she uttered was spoken most bitterly, and he felt its application to his own heart.

"I am glad, at least, he at length said, 'that you realize the duty that devolves upon you.'"

"Duty," repeated Angela.

"Ay, duty. For surely it is a duty to obey those who have the right to govern."

"Hark ye, my lord, I would say nothing of duty in connection with the affairs of this world. You would know me, and gain nothing either. Tell me what the cardinal means to do."

"He means that you shall marry as he has planned. I saw him last night, and he has seen him again this morning. He will suffer no more."

"Suffer! What mean you?"

"That he will bring matters to a close at once. He is resolved now, and nothing can move him."

"You mean that he is angry now?"

"He was resolved before, and that was the reason I fled."

"Well, so be it, then," said the duke. "You know what his resolution is, and you know too, that I am as much bound as you are. The cardinal's edict may not be opposed."

"I am aware of that, my lord. I know full well the cardinal's power. Does he mean that I shall marry soon?"

"By the day after to-morrow."

Angela started, and her hands were clenched till the nails almost penetrated the flesh. But she held her marble like composure of countenance.

"Is that day set, she asked."

"Yes."

"Then I will be ready. I have counted upon the circumstance, and I know there is no escape for me. If I could flee from this place, I would do it. I would leave all my wealth behind me—all the friends, and all of worldly distinctions. But I know that it is now beyond hope. I feel, too, that there is no need of entreaty or persuasion—that tears would not move you—that my sorrow cannot lift the fate from me, and that hope is but a mere name, which has only its sound for me."

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that is enough," murmured Angela, and withdrew her hand from his grasp, and bolder, and tottered back to her chamber.

"This thing is not done," returned Angela, "I am only here after you are gone."

"You have promised her, whom have a care for," returned the Franciscan.

"Ah."

"Yes. There is a man here called Hildebrand."

"Mayhap so."

"Ay, but I know it."

"Have a care, good father," uttered the master, in a warning tone. "Remember that you do not have too much sympathy for that man."

"And why so?" calmly asked the friar.

"Why my son, with him, there is a danger."

"Ah, I shall not fear that," said Father Hugh, with a strange smile.

"You know not how some things can be done here; so I should advise you to be wary. If Hildebrand is here he is safe; he has replied the master."

"You also have a younger man in your charge, do you not?"

"Yes, a young man named de Villani, without remark, I mean one who is called Francis de Mora."

"It can matter little to me who is here, it is the deed that counts."

"Ay, but it does matter, though."

"Ah, you are too free, now. Only have a care over that tongue of his. If you know my office, you should tremble in my presence."

"Let us first to the business," said the master, and then he just came to himself, and there is time for it, I may say."

"But mark ye," continued the old man, speaking more quickly and vehemently, while he shook his finger most portentously, "there may be others who will trouble you."

"The master started at this; but he was a man used to strange things, and his mind was soon calm. For a moment the idea flashed upon him that his visitor might be insane, but the steady light of those great black eyes soon dispelled that thought."

"Now I know that de Mora is within these walls," continued the friar, "for I saw him led in."

"Well, and what of it?"

"I would see both him and Hildebrand."

"You ask a strange question, holy father."

"Ay, because this is a strange place, and there have been strange things here."

"Enough of that. I would see the man who has spoken of."

"Then, plainly, you see me too late."

"To-day? How?" uttered the friar, starting at the word.

"I hardly think they live now."

"By our holy church, signor master, I charge thee to speak more plainly. What do you mean?"

"Simply that both the prisoners have been consigned to the Tomb of Waters."

"Hark! shouted the old man, springing forward, and grasping the master by the arm. "I know the doom. When were the waters led in upon them?"

"An hour ago."

"An hour? Then they may be alive yet. Haste thee! Summon thy men! Off away! Fear open that dungeon! O, by the beard of God, if they be dead, they shall be here, trembling in Palermo!"