

THE CONFESSION OF DAVID LEWIS THE NOTED HIGHWAYMAN AND COUNTERFEITER.

Shortly after she awoke from this refreshing slumber, we prepared to commence our journey anew, and continued with a slow but constant gait, through circuitous bye-roads and unfrequented paths, until we reached Albany in the evening just as the city clock had struck seven. Not forgetting the promise of marriage which I had contracted in the most solemn manner, and made under circumstances that required more hardihood of villainy to break than I possessed at the worst period of my life, I immediately bespoke of the landlord of the house at which we put up a private apartment, and went in search of a minister, who soon made his appearance and performed the ceremony in a mean and shabby tavern at the extremity of State street. As soon as the services were over I prepared to pay the minister his fee, and having mixed my good and bad money together, I unfortunately presented him, through mistake, with one of my ten dollar counterfeit Burtingtons, but the generous man, much to my surprise, objecting to the largeness of the proffered gratuity, returned the note and refused in the most positive terms to accept of more than two dollars, which I instantly handed him in silver, which at that time had begun to grow somewhat scarce. Melinda now appeared for the first time to wear a more cheerful countenance than she had done since her elopement. The performance of my marriage promise had satisfied her scrupulous delicacy and removed a heavy weight of anxiety and distress which seemed to press upon her spirits.

It was evident, until this took place, that her chaste mind filled with fears and doubts of my sincerity, had suspected me of the base design of taking advantage of her unprotected situation.

Improper and guilty as my general conduct had been; vicious and profligate as was my course of life in other respects; and impure and sensual as might have been my depraved propensities, I always had the highest respect for female virtue. The fact is I entertained for Malinda as pure a passion as ever warmed the breast of man; the lovely girl not only had won my affections, but she had completely secured my gratitude and gained my confidence. Although vicious myself, I respected and admired virtue in her, and had I only followed her excellent advice and profited by the instruction which repeatedly fell from her lips, I would not be languishing in jail upon the bed of death as I now am, ashamed to live and yet afraid to die. Malinda possessed every mental endowment and personal charm, and had she not been so unfortunate as to meet with me before years and experience had matured her judgment, she would no doubt have made a happier marriage with a more worthy man, and become the mother of children proud to acknowledge their father instead of being ashamed to own the author of their being. Her pleasing person, her light and flowing hair, the brightness of a complexion that equalled in whiteness the new fallen snow, the rose of beauty and the bloom of youth that mantled her cheek, and, above all the expression of a blue eye veiling from mildness with an April sky, moistened as it was with the dew of heavenly charity and shaded with the longest eyelash I ever beheld, were sufficient to captivate a man whose heart was less warm than mine. But destiny had wedded her to ruin when she became my wife. Alas! she merited a better fate, and what aggravates my present agony of feeling is the distressing thought that an uncharitable world may visit the iniquities of the husband and of the father upon his desolate offspring.

But that I may not digress too far, let me now resume the narrative of the more important incidents.

We remained at Albany the night on which we were married, and in the morning, I imparted

to my wife a short history of my past life, taking care to conceal from her knowledge the most criminal of my adventures, while I only communicated such facts, as I considered necessary for her information, that the course of life in which I was engaged, demanded on her part, the most secrecy, as well as good management and ingenuity, to prevent a disclosure of my guilty conduct, which inevitably would bring down disgrace and ruin on my head, and blast the future prospects of us both. The explanation I gave, could not fail to shock her sensibility, wound her pride and alarm her fears. Until this disclosure was made, I succeeded in making her believe, that my commitment for the horse affair at Troy, was a conspiracy between Root and his accomplices, and that the combination thus formed and carried on between them, to charge me with this offence, was called a prosecution under color of law, but was, in reality, nothing short of a persecution against all law, or rather justice, originating in political revenge for my refusing to support the election of Gov. Tompkins. I had entertained a strong dislike against this man on account of certain whisperers, which then began to spread among the people about his being a "public defaulter," and having a great itch to handle once more the public money. These suspicions, it has since appeared, were but too well founded, for the people of New York being satisfied of his guilt, refused to vote for him, at a recent attempt made by his friends to have him re-elected. Neglected as my education had been, young as I was in years and experience, deprived as my heart, and ignorant as I might have been, on most subjects connected with the administration of political affairs, nothing could excite my wonder more than the great inattention paid by the people to the selection of their public agents. When I have observed the people hold meetings after meeting, and pass resolutions, approving some "great partizan" who had been a public defaulter, and had embezzled the public moneys, perhaps one, who had been tried in the scale and found wanting, and saw the same people again nominate the same man for reelection to the same office, or perhaps one of a higher grade, I concluded in my own mind, that it was not always profitable to be honest, and that honesty nowadays was too much overlooked in the public estimation, as a requisite for office. When I saw men who had cheated the people, defrauded the public and plundered the treasury, become the greatest favorites of the people, thinks I to myself, surely "honesty is not the best policy." When I perceived that men in high station had been guilty of diverse evil doings, and instead of meeting with punishment, were loaded with "honor and received rewards, applauses, powers, dominion, office, influence, and patronage," the reflection had an unhappy effect in extinguishing every remorse of conscience, and reconciling me more and more to the vicious course of life in which I was then engaged. Alas! how often and how foolish did I argue with myself, "that if it was not dishonorable" in a man who holds a high place of profit and trust, to "cheat the people and oppress the poor," how can it be very criminal in me to depredate on the rich, while I spare the poor: nor could I, for my life, discover the mortal distinction which many made, between a robber on the highways against law, and a public agent, who robs and plunders in his office, under the color of law, though he may never happen to follow the high-ways, in the manner I have done.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL. ALL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA. PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to section ten of article one of the Constitution, so that a discharge of a jury for failure to agree or other necessary cause shall not work an acquittal.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, that the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution: that is to say, that section ten of article one, which reads as follows:

"No person shall, for any indictable offense, be proceeded against criminally by information, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger, or by leave of the court for oppression or misdemeanor in office. No person shall, for the same offense, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall private property be taken or applied to public use, without authority of law and without just compensation being first made or secured."

A true copy of the Joint Resolution. W. W. GRIEST, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, that the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

Amendment: Add at the end of section seven, article three the following words: "Unless before it shall be introduced in the General Assembly, such proposed special or local law shall have been first submitted to a popular vote, at a general or special election in the locality or localities to be affected by its operation, under an order of the court of common pleas of the respective county after hearing and application granted, and shall have been approved by a majority of the voters at such election: Provided, that no such election shall be held until the decree of court authorizing the same shall have been advertised for at least thirty (30) days in the locality or localities affected, in such manner as the court may direct."

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