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PRECEDING CHAPTERS

Harry Ormerod, proscribed traitor to King George as a Stuart partisan, returning from France to London, rescues Alderman Robert Juggins from a band of assassins. Juggins proves to be the grandson of a former steward of Ormerod's father, to whom Juggins feels himself indebted. Ormerod tells Juggins he has abandoned the Stuart cause. Juggins informs Ormerod of a Jacobite plot in the American colonies to weaken England by forwarding French interests. At its head is Andrew Murray, a Scotsman, and a Frenchman, De Veulle, deadly enemy of Ormerod. The two are in London furthering their schemes.

CHAPTER II—Continued

"He is no enemy to be slighted," I said.
 "No, he thrives upon opposition; but—"

A secretary rapped for order. "To the king's most excellent majesty in council," he recited from a document he held, "the humble petition and representation of Samuel Baker, Samuel Storke, Richard Janeway and others, merchants of London, trading to New York, in behalf of themselves and the rest of the persons concerned in the New York trade; which petition, having been considered by his majesty's council, hath been referred, with his gracious consent, to the lords commissioners for trade and plantations."
 "You will note," whispered Master Juggins in my ear, "that the name of Murray is not included in the list. He appears here, not as the principal, which he is, but at the request of these merchants, who are his decoys, and ostensibly in their interest."

"You have heard the petition and reference of the council read," gabbled Pelham in whining voice. "We will now hear arguments by the opposing sides. Who appears against the petition?"

Master Juggins rose beside me. His arguments were substantially those he had used with me, bulwarke additionally by a mass of facts and statistics. When he sat down it seemed to me that no Englishman who thought of his own country's interest could resist the logic of his appeal.

There was a smattering of applause, and then a merchant introduced Murray, with the remark that he had kindly consented to give his opinion, as he had recently come on a visit to London from the province of New York, where he was in residence.
 "The gentleman who preceded me," began Murray, "and who, I am told, once spent some time in our province many years ago, is unfortunately laboring under a misapprehension of the situation. It is not, my lords, as though we had the misfortune to be at war with France. Through the grace of God, the two countries have now been for some years at peace with one another, and their subjects in the New world have striven not to be behnd-hand in drawing closer the bonds of trade which in themselves are the best preventative of war."
 "We manufacture in this country more goods of a certain kind than we can consume ourselves. These goods are in great demand amongst the savage tribes which inhabit the interior of North America."
 "Both the French and our own traders have use for these goods in the fur trade, which is growing to be of increasing worth to the London merchants. If we withhold from the French the goods they require for trading with these tribes they will seek them from the manufacturers of the Low Countries and Germany. Thus our merchants at home will be deprived of a profitable trade, and we provincials will not be bettered. Also, the supply of furs for the London market, much of which comes from the French posts, will be reduced. It seems to me, your lordships, that this prohibitory legislation will only have crippling effects upon trade and hinder the good relations between France and England and their colonies."

He said much more in the same vein, whilst Juggins twisted uneasily in his seat and the attending merchants and even their lordships hung upon his words. For he was a ready speaker. When he sat down the merchant who acted as master of ceremonies caused a start of surprise, in which I joined, by bringing forward a handsomely dressed gentleman, whose laced coat and gold-hilted sword showed conspicuously in such drab surroundings.
 'Twas Raoul de Veulle; yes, Raoul de Veulle, whose mad exploits and escapades, love affairs and gambling debts, had kept all Paris gossiping these past three years and had just driven him into an exile, the facts concerning which had been mysteriously secret. I had known De Veulle well.

Now he stood before us, his handsome face smiling, bowing low before their interested lordships. In charming, broken English he repeated his brief message. He had been requested by his excellency the French ambassador to appear in this matter in answer to a plea offered by the petitioners to the ambassador for corroborative testimony to the justice of their assertions from a responsible French source.
 He himself—he shrugged apologetically—as it happened was Canadian-born; he was just starting upon his way to take up an appointment in the Canadian government. He agreed unhesitatingly with what Monsieur Murray had stated. On behalf of the French government and of the Canadian authorities he begged to say that such legislation as New York wished to have perpetuated would have most unhealthy effects upon the trade and politics of their two countries.
 Master Juggins sprang to his feet, his honest face aflush.
 "Many of the assertions of Master Murray and—"
 Pelham waved him to his seat.
 "We have heard enough," pronounced the whining voice. "You have no other first-hand witnesses from overseas?"
 "No, your lordships," admitted Juggins reluctantly.
 "Then further talk is fruitless," he went on, while his colleagues nodded their sleepy assent. "We are agreed that there seems to be some difference of opinion concerning this measure. Were it not for the fact that his majesty's governor of New York appears to favor the bill, we should consider the case made out against it unanswerable. But in view of Governor Burnet's approval we are resolved that the matter shall be referred back to him with a request for a full report upon the issues raised, and pending the receipt of this report and a decision being reached his majesty's government will not take action in the premises. What is the next case for consideration?"

The petitioners, much gratified, flocked around Murray and his apologetic servant, and I followed Master Juggins from the chamber and out into Whitehall.
 "What will happen next?" I asked.
 "If I know Governor Burnet as well as I think I do, Murray and his French friends will draw slight comfort from their triumph today. Remember he is three thousand miles from London and therefore able to think for himself. With you to help him—"

I felt something brush against my coat sleeve and looked around. I had just time to see the back of a gaudy red coat and a woolly black head, crowned by an ornate cocked hat, disappearing in the crowd.
 "Do you see?" I said.
 "Aye," responded Juggins grimly; "I might have known it. Well, 'tis a lesson in time. We will not forget it."

We turned from Whitehall into the crowded Strand.
 "Murray will figure that this delay gives him time to bribe and buy his will, either in Governor Burnet's council or in the government here," continued Master Juggins. "At the worst he will think that he should be able to withstand the law's execution for several years, and in that time much may be done—aye, much may be done, and in more than one way," he concluded grimly.
 "Then doubtless Murray will send at once a swift messenger to New York so that his friends may set to work in his interest," I suggested.
 Juggins stopped abruptly in the center of the footway.
 "No, he will go himself. 'Tis too important for trusting to another. That was well thought of, Master Harry. We must not let him get ahead of us. You must sail on the first passage available. Do you follow me?"
 And he started off as fast as his

legs could carry him, bumping and prodding his person against all who did not move from his path.
 "Whither are we bound now?" I panted.
 "To Master Lloyd's coffee house, where the shipowners resort for trade. We shall find news of the sailings there."
 Many men stood on the cobbles outside Lloyd's talking. The coffee room and taproom also were filled. Master Juggins pushed his way through the shifting groups until he reached a burly, stout man who sat by himself at a table, sucking fragrant Mocha from a bowl.
 "And what will you ha', Bob Juggins?" demanded the burly man in a sulky voice.
 "A good afternoon to you, Tom Jenkins," returned Juggins. "How are sailing to the Western Plantations?"
 "Ameriky?"
 "Aye, New York province."
 The burly man consulted his record book.
 "We ha' the ship New Venture, Abbot, master, sailing from Greenwich the end of the week. What's your cargo?"
 "Tis not cargo, but a man I would send on her."
 "I fear me she's full up, Bob. But yesterday we sold four places on her—and she hath limited quarters for passengers."
 Juggins threw me a humorous glance.
 "I'll be bound 'tis Master Murray of New York she's to carry," he declared.
 "Why, that's true," admitted Jenkins. "And some Frenchy, a friend o' his."
 I forgot my role of apprentice lad, and shoved myself across the table.
 "Not De Veulle? The Chevalier de Veulle?" I challenged him.
 Jenkins looked at me with mingled amusement and indignation.
 "Who's your green lad that hankers for the Frenchies so?" he asked Juggins.
 My master sent me spinning to the floor.
 "Mind your place boy," he rebuked me.
 Then he continued half-apologetically to Master Jenkins—
 "This De Veulle put a slight upon me before the lords of trade, and the lad—'tis a good youth and devoted, though fresh come out of Dorset, as you may see—was most indignant on my behalf. And now about the passage? I'll pay well. Sure, you can always find room for an extra man on shipboard."
 "What will you pay?"
 "Three guineas."
 "Four," countered Jenkins in a monotonous tone.
 Juggins drew the coins from a purse and clinked them on the table.
 "And is it De Veulle sails with Murray?"
 "Aye; he goes on some government mission for Canada."
 "But why does he not sail from Havre in a French ship for Quebec?"
 "The St. Lawrence is frozen. There will be no French ships for Canada for two months yet."
 Juggins pursed his lips in that quaint gesture of a whistle which was a characteristic trait.
 "They use our goods," he muttered; "they use our rivers, our trading posts, our people, the tribes which are friendly to us—and now they use our ships."
 "Often," admitted Jenkins disinterestedly. "Since the Peace of Utrecht we ha' done a sight o' shipping business with the Frenchies."
 "Tis to our shame," declared Master Juggins roundly.
 "Why, 'tis business," answered Jenkins with his first show of interest. "Show me a heathen, let alone a Frenchy, will pay a farthing more than an Englishman, and I'll show you a better customer. Trade is trade. Leave politics to governments. If I make not my own living, will the gentry at Westminster carry my debts? I think not."
 Juggins swelled with indignation.
 "God help England when men like you come to rule it, Tom Jenkins!" he declared. "Good afternoon to you."
 "One moment," interposed Jenkins. "You ha' not given me the name of my passenger."
 "'Tis this youth here."
 "He who hath the interest in the Frenchy?" responded Jenkins. "Well, lad, keep your hands off him, despite his insults to your master. And what's your name?"

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Sent to Destruction Over Niagara Falls
 At least three vessels have gone over Niagara falls, says the Boston Globe in reply to a query. The first was in 1827, when an old craft was sent over with a bear, a fox, a buffalo, a dog and some geese as passengers. The bear jumped from the boat before it reached the rapids, swam to the shore and was rescued. The geese went over the

falls and came to the shore below alive, while the other animals were not seen.
 Another vessel, the Detroit, that had belonged to Commodore Perry's fleet, was started over the cataract in the winter of 1841, but grounded midway in the rapids and was finally broken up by the ice.
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The really valuable apple pie is to be found not so much in restaurants as in rural homes. There the pie is carefully compounded according to ancient and approved rules, and after having been baked, a delicate operation lifts the upper crust in order that the steaming apple slices underneath may be made more enticing by the addition of butter and sugar, both being melted by the heat. An ancient practice, now often neglected, added nutmeg as well.

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