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CE is hereby given, Th
is at the Plantation of Mr. William
the Head of Severn, taken up at
Bay Mare; about 8, or 9 Years old
nds high, has some small Saddle Spots
Star in her Forehead, no Brand to be
div'd, but it is suspected that she is
the near Buttock, with what is na

er may have her again, on proving
and paying Charges.

EN up about the 20th of
ber last, in the Bay, at Cove-Point,
uth of Patuxent River, a Schooner of
Dimensions; viz. about 30 Feet by
the Beam, and 5 and a half in the
is been raised two Feet, has a Sheath-
se which has been painted red, her
spirit carried off close by the Beard,
and Rigging entirely gone. There
board her one small Chest, in which
black Cloth Breeches, an old Ruffled
of coarse Yarn Stockings, a new Pair
s, a Pair of Ostrabrigs Trowlers, a
d some small Lumber; there was al-
one Lopping Axe, one broken Cut-
one small Iron Spit, a Barrel, and
some wooden Bowls, and a small
mpet.

on proving his Property, paying
the Charge of this Advertisement,
again, by applying to

John Clave.

REAS Mr. Jonathan
rd, of London, Merchant, is posses-
Eighth Part of the Patuxent Iron-
ing advanced in Years, and desirous
Business, is willing to dispose of it,
an inclinable to purchase may know
applying to

William Lux, of
Baltimore, Attorney in
Fact to Mr Forward.

Sold by the said Lux, a
P, that will carry 18 Hogsheads of
k'd, well rigg'd, and an excellent
a Sailmaker, who has four Years to
derstands his Business very well, ha-
the King's Yards.

TO BE SOLD,
Following Tracts of Land,
Charles County, formerly the Pro-
vinces; viz.

light, containing 300 } Acres.

within half a Mile of Port Tobacco.
er Point, at Nanjemoy, containing

aining 200 Acres, at the Fording
woman, as you go from Piscataway

aining 30 } Acres.
venture 37

ast lie on the Head of Wiccocomick;
ght and Title to several Tracts not
which belonged to the Wynnst
Terms, apply to

David Ross.

be SOLD,
hundred and eighty-se-

of Land, called Pool's Delight,
ick County, near the main Road,
above Frederick Town, whereon is
d, and some other small Improve-
Part of the Land will make choice
nds with good Springs, and is well
ning and raising Stock.

ndisputable, and for Terms apply
Samuel Middleton.

PRICE in Charles-street
of a moderate
Week after for Con-

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The Tragical Story of LUDIVISIO CARANTANI,
a Milanesse, and his two Daughters.

THERE is no Species of domestic
Tyranny so iniquitous and oppressive,
as that which unreasonable Parents
frequently exercise over their Children,
in popish Countries, by forcing them
into a State of Life to which they have no Call.
If Children ought ever to be left to their own free
Choice, it is certainly when the shutting them up
for Life in a Convent or Monastery is under Con-
sideration; for God requires the Consecration of
the Heart, and to him that Oblation alone which
is pure and voluntary, is an acceptable Sacrifice.

The following Story affords a striking Example
of the fatal Consequences of such Compulsion, and
is too well attested to admit any Doubt of it's
being so.

Ludiviso Carantani, a Native of Varese, a City
in the Milanese, had only two Daughters by a
Wife who had brought him a considerable Fortune:
But that paternal Affection which ought to have
been divided between them, was confin'd to the
eldest, whose Name was Vittoria; tho' she was
not near so amiable as Olympia her younger Sister.
This capricious Preference was evident even in their
Infancy. Vittoria enjoy'd all the Careless of her
Father, nor could her Sister obtain the least Token
of his Tenderness or Affection. Her Mother's Love
indeed made her some Amends for this Indifference;
but Death having deprived her of this Consolation,
she was expos'd to numberless Contradictions, and
suffered continual ill Treatment. Vittoria's Beauty,
and the Fortune which she might expect from the
Wealth and Partiality of her Father, soon drew
about her a great Number of Suitors; and Caran-
tani, that he might marry his Favourite with the
greater Advantages, was determined to sacrifice to
her Interest the Happiness of Olympia, whom he
accordingly put into a Convent, and caused a Re-
port to be spread that she had resolv'd upon a re-
ligious Life. This Report gain'd Credit; the
Number of Vittoria's Lovers increased, among
whom were Gentlemen of the best Families in the
Country.

The Father already congratulated himself upon
the Success of the Scheme. As he had always
treated the amiable Olympia with Severity, he was
persuaded that she would be soothed by the Tran-
quility of a Convent, and think herself happy to
have escaped the Rudeness and Neglect which she
had suffered at home. Nor was he altogether
mistaken; for at the Solicitation of several of her
Relations who were Devotees, and had been gain'd
by her Father, she consented to take the Habit of
a Novice or Probationer in the Monastery of San
Martino. But there is a Time of Life when Na-
ture speaks a Language very different from that of
monastic Devotion. Olympia, altho' young, lively,
and of a Complexion naturally amorous, was on
the Point of becoming the Victim of her Father's
Ambition, and her own Inexperience; but on the
very Day of the Ceremony, she saw, amongst the
Company assembled as usual on these Occasions,
an amiable Cavalier, who made a deep Impression
upon her Heart. Immediately the Thoughts of a
Convent became intolerable: And she reflected with
Horror upon the Sacrifice which she was about to
make, of all the Advantages which she might pro-
mise herself in the World.

The Nuns and her devout Relations, who soon
perceived the Alteration, endeavour'd in vain to
bring her back to her first Resolution. All the
Answer that they received from her, was, that
her Circumstances being equal to those of her Sister,
she had no Inclination to sacrifice herself to her Am-
bition, or to the Partiality of her Father; that her
Design was to marry, and that she entreated them
to prevail upon her Father to give her to a young
Cavalier of a very good Family, by whom she knew
she was beloved.

It is easy to imagine the Astonishment of Caran-

tani, when he was acquainted with a Resolution
which quite frustrated the Scheme he had form'd
for raising the Fortune of his dear Vittoria. He
earnestly entreated the Nuns and his Kinswomen,
to redouble their Endeavours to make Olympia alter
her Resolution. But these Endeavours only en-
flamed her Passion, and increased her Disgust for a
monastic Life; nor did she conceal her Sentiments
even from her Father, who came frequently to see
her, in order to discover the Effect of the Remon-
strances of her Friends; to these he added his own;
but perceiving that this Expedient did not succeed,
he had Recourse to Menaces, and assured her, that
"if she did not resolve upon a religious Life, he
"would take her home again, where she might
"expect to be the most wretched of Women."

Olympia, who knew her Father's Unkindness by
a long and cruel Experience, did not doubt but he
would keep his Word. Yet she endeavour'd to
mollify him by the most tender and pathetic Ex-
postulations; but neither Arguments, Entreaty, nor
Tears made the least Impression upon his Heart.

As by this Change in Olympia's Resolution, the
Match of his Vittoria was in danger of being bro-
ken off, her Lover growing cold and indifferent,
in Proportion as her Fortune became precarious,
Carantani was so much enraged, that the next
Time he visited Olympia, he told her in a Trans-
port of Fury, that "if she did not take the Veil
"as soon as her Noviciate expired, he would put
"her to Death with his own Hand." *If I die, it
shall not be by your Hand,* reply'd his amiable
Daughter calmly. *I have often represented to you
my Aversion to a monastic Life, yet you command me
to sacrifice myself to the Fortune of my Sister, and
to that extensive Fondness which you have always
shown for her; and if it be impossible for me to
prevail upon you to retract this Command, you shall
be obey'd, since my Obedience will spare you the
Crime which you threaten to commit against me;
but you and my Sister will have perpetual Cause to
regret the cruel Sacrifice which you oblige me to
make you.* She added, that he might whenever he
thought proper, order the necessary Preparations for
the Ceremony: After which she withdrew. Caran-
tani, who probably did not know to what Lengths
Despair might carry a young Maid, when Love
has once seized on her Heart, pleas'd himself with
the Thoughts of having made her change her Re-
solution. He went with an Air of Triumph to
carry the News to Vittoria and her Lover, who
were then together. They exulted greatly upon it,
and now thought themselves happy.

As the Time appointed for Olympia to take the
Veil was now near, Signor Carantani made all the
usual Preparations, and, as if he thought the un-
happy Victim knew not to whom she was to be
sacrificed, he took Measures for solemnizing the
Marriage of his eldest Daughter at the same Time.

On the Day preceding that which was fix'd for
this double Ceremony, Olympia thought it her Du-
ty to make a last Effort to soften her Father, and
if possible divert him from so barbarous a Sacrifice.
For this Purpose she again reasoned, she expostu-
lated, she entreated, but Carantani was equally deaf
to the Voice of Reason, Nature, and Religion;
he continued inflexible in his Purpose, and con-
firmed his Threatnings by the most horrible Oaths.
Al! my dear Father, said the amiable Olympia,
with a Look of unutterable Tenderness and Grief,
*consider well what you are about, consider that to
me your Answer is either Life or Death, and be
assured that if you sacrifice me to my Sister's For-
tune, you will repent when it is too late; the Phan-
toms that now mislead you will vanish at once; you
will perceive with Horror the Effects of your Delu-
sion, and feel the Pangs of Remorse when they are
aggravated by Despair; but further Conversation
will only ratify my Destruction by increasing your
Resentment; permit me therefore to withdraw, and
do not give your final Answer 'til Tomorrow; but
remember, that if I perish you will be wretched,
and that in refusing Mercy to your Daughter, you*

give Sentence against yourself. — With these
Words she left the Parlour.

Carantani, whose Eyes the last Sentence might
have opened disregarded it as one of those wild Me-
naces which are usually the last Resource of a Pas-
sion increased by Opposition, and exasperated by
Despair. The Preparations for Vittoria's Marri-
age engross'd his Attention, and he thought of no-
thing but how to render it splendid and magnifi-
cent. The Relations who were invited to this dou-
ble Ceremony, were already assembled in the
Church of the Convent, and Olympia was dressed
in her richest Apparel and most splendid Orna-
ments, which at these Times are put on only to be
renounced for ever with the greater Solemnity.
The dreadful Moment arriv'd, in which this bloom-
ing Victim was to be conducted to the Altar:
Then knowing that she had no farther to hope,
yet concealing her Despair, she asked Leave of the
Nuns who were about her, to go up into her Cell
under Pretence of recollecting herself for a few Mi-
nutes, and meditating in private upon the impor-
tant Affair which she was about to transact. This
was readily granted, and Olympia went up, not in-
to her Cell, but into a Garret which was over it,
and after having deplored her Misfortunes, and
prayed to God for Pardon, she fastened to one of
the Beams a Cord, which she had taken from one
of the Nuns who had used it for a Girdle, put it
about her Neck, threw herself from a little Bench
on which she stood, and in a few Minutes expired.

In the mean Time the Company, who had been
almost an Hour assembled in the Church, waited
with Impatience for the Beginning of the Ceremo-
ny. The Abbess was acquainted with it, who was
equally surpris'd at the Delay, and asking the
Nuns the Reason of it, was informed of Olympia's
Request: They waited almost an Hour longer,
but still Olympia did not appear. They then went
to seek her in her Cell, but there she was not to
be found, other Parts of the Convent were searched,
but without Success. At length, after much Time
spent in a fruitless Enquiry, one of the Nuns thought
of going up into the Garret. What a mournful
what a horrid Spectacle was there! — The un-
fortunate Olympia hanging in the fatal Cord with
which she had put an End to her Life.

Seized with Horror at the ghastly Sight, she ran
precipitately down Stairs, and rushing into the
Choir where the Nuns were assembled, she filled
them with Terror and Astonishment, by her Out-
cries and Lamentations. The Alarm soon spread
itself from the Choir to the Church; where all the
Relations with the utmost Conformation received
the News of the sudden Death of the unhappy O-
lympia, the most shocking Circumstances, of which
the Abbess prudently conceal'd. At first they
would not believe it; they demand'd a Sight of
her, and going out of the Church in a Body, the
Ladies and Carantani himself (the latter being
granted to Fathers) entered the Church, with-
standing the Resistance of the Abbess. What
a Spectacle was this for a Father, who had
ter, for a whole Family! One of the
young Women, the Victim of a violent Passion,
all the Horror of which was yet visible in her
Countenance!

Great as Carantani's Obduracy had hitherto
been, he now burst into Tears, and became fran-
tic with Despair. He accus'd himself too late as
the Murderer of his Daughter, and stung with this
tormenting Thought, which was but too much the
Suggestion of Truth, he fled from the Convent,
and even from the City, with the greatest Precipi-
tation. He mounted his Horse with a Design to
conceal his Shame, his Grief, and his Remorse, in
the Obscurity of a Country Seat. But Heaven de-
sign'd him for a public Example. He had scarce
rode six Miles, when his Horse taking fright, threw
him, and his Foot hanging in the Scurrup, he suffer'd
a Death yet more dreadful than that of his unhap-
py Daughter. Dragg'd by his Horse, which ran
full Speed, every Limb was broken, and his Body
covered.