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THE
A Strange
De

CHAPTER
"That I will
row," I replied.
Marsden, with
friend's nephew
Gridley, and a
you with the
and with the
which I received
"It seems as
he said, "but I
shall I say?" I
desk to write to
It was written
utes. It simply
information, at

mediate reply.
signature I add
these words:
"My story and
contents is dis-
tully and at on-
at my reques-
panied me to
runtz street, a
into the box
bade him good-
the Rossin hou-
encountering A-
place myself
light before he
senger to her
ing that I had

important, and
wait up for me
room and went
But not to sit
tossed about fr
to the other; an
and unrefreshed
turned in time
little or nothing
rival of ten o'
would open.
After breakfa
reading room o
tried to fix my
columns of the
remember read
time after time

hension of the
I remember—no
Nothing! All
than five weeks
came back to
bed in my own
on Gerrard street
Marsden were
aside.

No need to
been removed,
that had been a
need to linger o
"pitiless fever
brain." No need
my progress b
and from the

In a week from
tioned, I was
bed, propped up
pillows. My in-
no further delay
ask questions
pened in the
elapsed since
gave way unde-
upon them. For
letter in reply
placed in my ha-
my possession,
following copy
lying before me

"BOS

"Dr. Marsden:
"In reply to:
just been receiv
Mr. Furlong ar
quainted for th
recent passage.
ton, in the Pen
on Monday last
panted me hom
Tuesday mornin
see the Publ
house, the Ath
and other point
ally dropped in
he remarked u
of letters there.
made, of course

the general de-
himself. He rec-
Toronto postma-
very much sur-
and was not le-
After reading I
and I also read
recollect it won-
fessed to come
uncle, Richard
pressed pleasur-
sooner than he
hinted in rather
calamity. It re-
Alice, and stat-
been informed
tended arrival.

too, about his
a recompense
which she had
pressed the wr
his nephew at
station upon h
that no telegra
as nearly as
about all there
Furlong prof
handwriting as
cramped hand,
the signature w
that I was har
The peculiarity
treme irregular
the letter

"Mr. Furlong
the contents of
anxious for the
his departure.
train at 11.30.
about the man
anxiously expect
ever since he
feel curious, and
hear from him-
less something
would be impos-
sible stranger to

So that my
corroborated in
the letter was
count, however
corroboration,
pear.

When I was
and Dr. Marsd