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- **Alexander Holder:** About fifty. Senior partner in the banking firm of Holder & Stevenson

Responding to Holmes saying "I see that you have had some great trouble"

"God knows I have!—a trouble which is enough to unseat my reason, so sudden and so terrible is it. Public disgrace I might have faced, although I am a man whose character has never yet borne a stain. Private affliction also is the lot of every man; but the two coming together, and in so frightful a form, have been enough to shake my very soul. Besides, it is not I alone. The very noblest in the land may suffer unless some way be found out of this horrible affair."