

lutions, and its parades on the Battery and field manœuvres always attracted large throngs of people to witness them. Fitz-Greene Halleck, the poet, was a member of the company. The patriotism of

"Swartwout's gallant corps, the Iron Grays,"

inspired him to write several metrical compositions in laudation of the noteworthy loyalty of its members in volunteering their services for the defense of the city during the war.

The attempt of the three energetic brothers, John, Samuel, and Robert Swartwout, to reclaim for cultivation the tide-swept marshes of New Jersey, immediately west of the Hudson River, and opposite the city of New York, by ways and means similar to those seen in Holland, obtained for their extraordinary enterprise deserved commendation. The relinquishment of the feasible project for want of adequate money has monumentally left there large areas of dry ground and the bold outlines of one hundred and twenty miles of wide ditching to demarcate the extent of the planned work and demonstrate the obvious utility of the vast undertaking.

The criminal complicity and conspiracy of two dishonest employees of Samuel Swartwout, while he was collector of customs at the port of New York during the administration of Andrew Jackson as president of the United States, in having him adjudged a defaulter, and causing him to be dispossessed of his extensive and valuable property, are so clearly and conclusively established by the facts and testimony presented in the thirteenth chapter of this work that every reader of it will certainly wonder why a publication of this incontrovertible evidence was not earlier made. The reprehensible action of the national government in summarily taking and selling the estate of the traduced ex-collector on the assumption that the allegations of the perjured and perfidious cashier and his despicable confederate were true, not only abruptly deprived Samuel Swartwout of his property and irremediably impoverished the guiltless man, but unhappily influenced people to believe that the charges brought against him were indisputably authoritative and unequivocally substantiated. The culpability of the national government in not accounting to Samuel Swartwout for the valuable property which it unjustly took and sold is as remarkable as its deafness to the persistent appeals which the conscientious ex-collector personally and by representatives made to obtain a settlement of his accounts with it.

The inherent patriotism and loyalty of the Swartwout Family led many of its male representatives to volunteer their services for the preservation of the Union at the beginning and during the progress of the Civil War. On different battle-fields not a few heroically terminated their lives, others died in hospitals and prisons of wounds and disease, and some still bear honorary marks of commended valor. The fierce engagement of the *Portsmouth*, commanded by Captain