

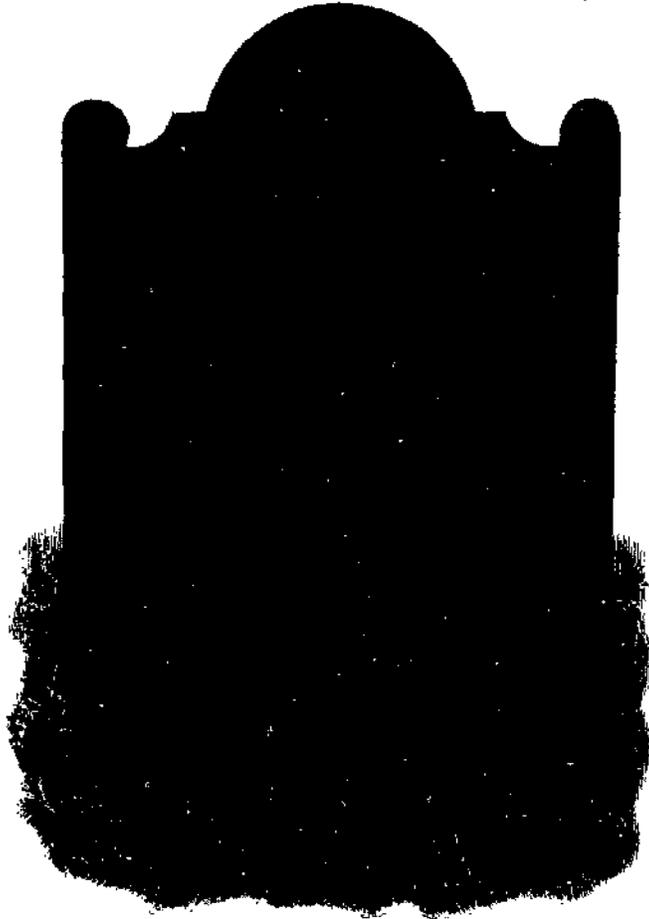
further shall be discovered by me, I shall * * * * inform your Excellency thereof, who am

“ Y^r Excellency’s

“ Most obedient, humble servant,

“ JACOBUS SWARTWOUT.” ¹

In his last will and testament, made on December 1, 1744, he bequeathed to his oldest son, Thomas, “ sixty pounds, or the choice of one of ” his “ negroes for his birthright,” and to his five sons: Thomas, Cornelis, Rudolphus, Samuel,



HEAD-STONE AT THE GRAVE OF JUSTICE JACOBUS SWARTWOUT.

and Jacobus, his estate, which he ordered to be divided equally among them.² He died on April 3, 1749, and his remains were interred in the graveyard on the west side of the Reformed Dutch Church, in the village of Fishkill, where,

¹ New York colonial manuscripts, vol. lxxiv., p. 197, in the general library of the state of New York.

² Book of wills, vol. 16, pp. 478, in the office of the surrogate of the city of New York.