

Environed by such shocking and depressing scenes as these, heroically suffering the same privations, courageously co-operating in the face of numerous reverses and discomfitures to accomplish the reduction of fortifications strongly built on steep and rocky eminences, Lieutenant Swartwout manfully bore his part in the brunt of the siege of Havana and the storming of Morro Castle and other Cuban strongholds in the successful campaign of 1762. He with other provincial volunteers was undoubtedly among those who received prize-money, as is disclosed by the following advertisement:

“This is to give Notice to all Officers and Soldiers belonging to the New York Regiment in the Year 1762, that were at the Reduction of the Havannah, under the command of Col. George Brewerton;—That from certain Advice received from London lately, there are Powers [of Attorney] agreeable to proper Forms to be made out here for the Recovery of the Prize Money due to such as are entitled to it; and applying either to Col. Michael Thodey, or Col. George Brewerton in New York, they may be put into the proper Method for the Recovery of such Part as they shall respectively be entitled to. Those who are entitled from the Wills and Powers [of Attorney] of the Deceased, in the first Division made of the Prize Money shared at the Havannah, and not receipted for by me, will likewise have a Form given them, if they think the Expence will answer their Expectations.

“GEORGE BREWERTON, JUN.”¹

Besides serving as a captain of a company of volunteers in the French and Indian War, Jacobus Swartwout was commissioned on December 30, 1769, “one of the coroners of the county of Dutchess.”²

¹ The New York *Mercury*, May 21, 1764.

² Record of commissions. Liber iii., pp. 430, 431, in the general library of the state of New York.