

of Captain Cornelius Swartwout, his uncle, deceased, "to William J. Vredenburgh"; those of Captain Abraham Swartwout, to "his son"; that of Private Cornelius Swartwout, "to Joseph Stringham for Henry S. Platt"; and those of Lieutenant Henry Swartwout, deceased, one to William J. Vredenburgh, and one to John G. Brinckerhoff.<sup>1</sup>

Twenty years before the inauguration of the war of the Revolution, and three after his marriage, Barnardus Swartwout moved from Poughkeepsie to the city of New York, where, on June 10, 1756, he was admitted a freeman of the metropolis by the mayor, Edward Holland. On January 30, 1760, he purchased, for £200, a house and lot "in the north ward"; the lot being bounded northerly, in front, by Little Queen Street, easterly by Temple Street, westerly by ground belonging to Gautherus Du Bois, and southerly by ground possessed by Alexander Bate.<sup>2</sup> He remained a resident of the city until after the death of his wife on March 25, 1772. During the war of the Revolution, Poughkeepsie seems to have been regarded as his home. In 1782, he was a "collector" there. In the following year he engaged in the business of a grocer at "No. 16 Great-Dock Street, between the Old Slip and Coenties' Market," in the city of New York.<sup>3</sup> Shortly afterward Captain Barnardus Swartwout and his son, Ensign Barnardus Swartwout, entered into partnership as grocers under the name of "B. Swartwout and Son," and occupied a store at No. 15 Little Dock Street.<sup>4</sup> In 1790, the firm, as named in the directory, had its store on Greenwich Street, between Rector and Thames streets, "back of Trinity Church," and a lumber-yard "at the foot of Thames Street," fronting on the North River. In 1794, the partnership of the father and son, at No. 114 Greenwich Street, was dissolved on the twenty-first of October. Having made his will on November 3, 1794, Captain Barnardus Swartwout died on November 18, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Ensign Barnardus Swartwout was entering the twenty-sixth year of his age,

<sup>1</sup> *Vide*: The Balloting Book and other documents relating to military bounty lands in the state of New York. Albany, 1825, pp. 6, 7, 19, 21, 33, 63, 64, 83, 93, 98, 117, 118, 119, 126, 129, 135, 137, 175, 176, 177, 178.

<sup>2</sup> Book of deeds, 36, p. 269, in the office of the clerk of the city and county of New York.

<sup>3</sup> "Barnardus Swartwout

"Has For Sale,

"At his store, No. 16 Great-Dock Street, between the Old Slip and Coenties' Market,  
"Wine, Rum, Sugar, Teas, and every other article in the Grocery way, which he will sell cheap for  
Cash.

"New York, June 30, 1783." [Advertisement.]

<sup>4</sup> "B. Swartwout and Son,

"Inform their customers that they have removed to No. 15 Little Dock Street; where they have for sale, Madeira, Tenerife and St. Michael's Wines, Spirits, Rum, Brandy, Geneva by the cask, Sugars, Tea, Pepper, Coffee, Soap, mould and dipped Candles by the box, Chalk by the hundred or larger quantity, and sundry other articles in the grocery way, which they will sell low for cash.

"They have also a quantity of new Beef and Pork by the barrel of the best quality. And a parcel of superfine Flour, which they will sell cheap for cash or exchange for West-India produce."

—New York Packet and American Advertiser, Monday, January 5, 1784.