

Chatahouche ; the other of a route from Washington City to Mobile. A map of part of New Orleans territory and Florida manuscripts, thin paper. Let all these be rolled up in one roll, and on a round stick. The widest first and so on.

"These, with anything else you may have to forward me must be put into the hands of Mrs. Stoker, at J. Bentham's house, Queen Square Place, Westminster, by nine o'clock, on Monday morning. This lady is Mr. Bentham's housekeeper. Ask at No. 30 Craven Street for letters for me.

"Write me the result of your breakfast, which is, I think, to take place on Sunday. It is still possible, not very probable, that I may be in town on Saturday evening."

On Monday, August 22, Colonel Burr wrote, from London, where he had arrived on Sunday evening, to Jeremy Bentham, at Barrow Green: "Among the articles which you will receive to-morrow will be a roll directed to me, which you are authorized and required to open. It contains some articles which may assist in the cross-examination. Something further will be brought by the deponent himself."

Whether Colonel Burr's financial straits were such that he had instructed Samuel Swartwout to advise him concerning any speculative venture that might become known to him is a matter that might reasonably justify his writing the letter dated "London, Thursday, 26th August, 1808," addressed to "Colonel Burr, at Mr. Bentham's, Barrow Green." The communication discloses a conversation with a young man recently arrived from the city of New York regarding the profitable character of the shipment from England of a cargo of cotton bagging to some port in the southern states or territories which was prohibited by the United States during the continuance of the embargo. "*If your knowledge of the ground enables you to manage such a speculation,*" as Samuel Swartwout wrote him, "*perhaps it might be accomplished.*"¹

About that time it would seem that Colonel Burr had in consideration a scheme, either a political or a commercial one, for the advancement of which he desired the advice and commendation of his wealthy host. Should it be regarded by him as discreditable, it was evidently the intention of Colonel Burr to have him believe that Samuel Swartwout was the sole and unapproved projector of it. The self-glorifying but fictitious patronage with which the impetuous adventurer magnifies his charitable interest in the affairs of Samuel Swartwout, and the exaggerated description of the young man's dire experiences while under arrest as a discovered aider and abettor of the enterprise which caused Burr to be charged with the commission of treason against the United

¹ Letter of Samuel Swartwout, comprised, in 1857, in the autograph collection of F. J. Dreer, of Philadelphia.