

van Schaick, James G. King, Peter Schermerhorn, Philip Hone. As described by the *New York Evening Post* of May 31 and June 2, the banquet was in every way laudable: "The dinner to Mr. Irving at the City Hotel yesterday was very numerously attended and the entertainment was in all respects such as well comported with the interesting occasion. The spacious assembly-room of the City Hotel was literally crowded with the fellow-citizens of the distinguished guest, all eager to join in rendering a tribute of honor to one who has done so much to advance the honor of his land. Chancellor Kent presided, who was assisted by Philip Hone and J. Duer, esqrs. Professor Renwick, T. L. Ogden, S. Swartwout, and Charles Graham, esqrs., were made vice-presidents. * * * *

"Four ranges of tables, running through the entire length of the spacious apartment, were covered with a tastefully arranged profusion of choice viands and wines. The Right Reverend Bishop Onderdonk asked a blessing upon the feast, and the Reverend Doctor Wainwright briefly returned thanks, in which he alluded to the influence of literature and science upon the cause of religion."

Having in early manhood gained the respect of Andrew Jackson, Samuel Swartwout further won the favorable attention of the hero of New Orleans by his patriotic service with the Iron Grays in taking part in the defence of the city of New York in the war of 1812-15. Later he and the distinguished warrior became closely attached to each other, and in time this attachment made them the stanchest friends. It was certainly no great wonder that President Jackson should make him the recipient of the office of collector of customs for the port of New York when entering upon the administration of the government of the United States. The evidence of the existence of a long friendship between them is clearly disclosed by the style and tenor of the following communication:

"Washington, Nov^r 26, 1833.

"My dear Sir:—Will you permit me to impose a little trouble upon you. The inclosed letter will inform you that I have made with the writers of the within letter, Howes & Thayer, an exchange of Barouches, theirs to be delivered on the 3d proximo, in New York, at Mr. Hall's, Broad Street—mine in New York, where I am to receive their new carriage with one pair of Harness, my Harness to go with my carriage, for which I am to give them in exchange six hundred dollars, for which purpose I inclose herein a check for six hundred dollars on the office of the Bank of the United States at New York.

"Will you have the goodness to receive the new Barouche, pay the six hundred dollars, hand over my Barouche with her pair of Harness, and deliver the new to Augusta, a free colored man, who will deliver you my carriage, (he sets