

By a similar conveyance, dated June 15, 1839, the said United States marshal sold, on June 5, that year, at the Merchants' Exchange, to Hamilton Bruce, for the sum of \$1,200, ten acres of land, in the 12th ward, bounded westerly by the road leading to McComb's dam, easterly by the Harlem River, and southerly by lands of A. Watt.

By a similar conveyance, dated June 14, 1839, the said United States marshal sold, on June 5, that year, at the Merchants' Exchange, to Hamilton Bruce, for \$1,940, two lots, 117 and 121, in the late 9th, now the 15th ward, on the southwesterly side of 14th Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues; also lot 301, on easterly corner of Seventh Avenue and 14th Street, at Greenwich; lot 31, on the northwesterly side of 14th Street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues; lot 29, on the northwesterly side of 14th Street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues; lot 59, on westerly corner of Seventh Avenue and 14th Street; and lot 47, on the easterly corner of Seventh Avenue and 13th Street.

By a similar conveyance, dated June 15, 1839, the said United States marshal sold, on June 5, that year, at the Merchants' Exchange, to William Bruce, for \$108, a lot in the 9th, now the 15th ward, on the southwesterly side of 14th Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, at Greenwich; and by a similar conveyance on the same date, to the same person, for the sum of \$200, a lot in the late 9th, now the 15th ward, on the southwesterly side of 14th Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, at Greenwich; and by a similar conveyance of the same date, to the same person, for the sum of \$190, a lot on the southwesterly side of 14th Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, at Greenwich, in the 9th ward.¹

In the mean time Samuel Swartwout had been successful in negotiating in England a loan of £120,000 (\$532,800) for the Maryland and New York Iron and Coal Company. Imagine his surprise and consternation on hearing through his correspondents that he was regarded as an absconded defaulter and that all his property had been transferred to the national government to cover the amount of his peculations.

Samuel Swartwout was too astute not to perceive how in different ways his visit to England could be used to afford grounds on which to found suppositions for his going there. His absence abroad, as he had written to several correspondents, while ostensibly to raise funds with which the mining property in Maryland might be developed, had been to obtain for his own use money, which, by reason of the panic of the previous year and the consequent scarcity of specie in the city of New York and the almost valueless character of bank notes, he stood in great need to meet his individual obligations. Rich as he

¹ Book of conveyances in the register's office of the city and county of New York, vols. 399, p. 328; 404, p. 170; 404, p. 554; 403, p. 152; 405, p. 143; 403, p. 273; 427, p. 221.