

The following is the letter written by Governor Poindexter, chairman of the commission :

“ New York, June 19, 1841.

“ Sir :—Soon after my first conversation with you, on the subject of the return of Mr. Swartwout to this country, I opened a correspondence with the president, for the purpose of obtaining his assurance that, in the event of Mr. Swartwout's return, he would be treated with that clemency and respect which would become the character of the chief magistrate, and meet the just views and expectations of a man whom misfortune, not unmixed with error, had driven in exile from the soil of his native country.

“ I have received from President Tyler one letter in reply, which promised another in a few days, of a more explicit character. This second letter has not come to hand, but, from the tenor of that which has been received, I do not hesitate to express my conviction that Mr. Swartwout may return without any apprehension that the government will pursue him with a vindictive spirit, or that he will receive any other than a proper respect for his person and property, from every department of the government. I give you these as my impressions, to be used for what they are worth, on your arrival in England.

“ Wishing you a pleasant voyage,

“ I am, respectfully, &c.,

“ GEORGE POINDEXTER.

“ C. W. DAYTON, Esq.”

For the purpose of preventing the arrest of the ex-collector on his arrival home, Commissioner Steuart wrote the following letter to the Honorable Thomas Ewing, secretary of the treasury.

“ New York, July 30, 1841.

“ Sir :—Mr. Kelley informs me he has written to you in relation to certain proceedings of the late marshal of this district, and the contemplated arrest of Mr. Swartwout on his arrival, and that he had briefly expressed his views to you, as to the propriety of some intervention on your part to stay a proceeding which can only be attended with distress to an individual who, however culpable, seems to have awakened general commiseration for his present condition. Concurring in opinion with Mr. Kelley, and some additional facts having come to my knowledge since he wrote, I beg leave to submit the same to your consideration.

“ Before I joined the commission, representations were made to my associates by certain friends of Mr. Swartwout to induce them to solicit the sanction of the executive for his return. It was represented that Swartwout was living in great penury ; that he was indebted to the kindness of comparative strangers for his daily means of living and supporting his wife and children ;