

lowing communication to the commissioners investigating the affairs of the New York custom-house :

“ New York, August 4, 1841.

“ Gentlemen :—On my arrival at Boston, on the 2d instant, I immediately addressed a letter to the president of the United States, informing him of my return to this country, and of ‘ *my desire to meet such action as he might be pleased to order in the investigation of my unsettled accounts with the government, and to fulfil the voluntary offers repeatedly made heretofore to liquidate any balance which might appear against me, to the extent of my means and ability.*’

“ In conformity with the above declarations, I beg leave to repeat my desire of proceeding in said investigations in such manner as may be deemed best adapted to attain the object desired, and that I shall await the action of the committee in the premises. In the mean time, I beg leave to suggest that it is of the greatest importance to the interest which the government now holds in the Maryland and New York Iron and Coal Company that I should be authorized to be absent at Cumberland during the visit of Messrs. Palmer and Young to the works of the company, as these gentlemen intended proceeding thither immediately, I hope the committee may be able to give the suggestion a favorable consideration.

“ I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect, gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant,

“ SAMUEL SWARTWOUT.

“ The Hon., the Commissioners of Investigation of the New York custom-house.”

This letter obtained the following answer :

“ New York custom-house, August 5, 1841.

“ Sir :—The commissioners desired to have had your attendance this morning, but our marshal, who was directed to summon you, was informed you would not be at your lodgings until noon. As you intimated an intention (if not objected to on our part) to leave New York this evening, we have to inform you that we deem your departure unadvisable till the views of the honorable secretary of the treasury are further known, and especially till it is ascertained whether the process directed to the marshals of New Jersey and Maryland, which we understand to have been similar to that put into the hands of the marshal of this district, has been suspended by order of the solicitor of the treasury.

“ Respectfully, your obedient servants,

“ WM. M. STEUART,

“ ALFRED KELLEY.

“ SAMUEL SWARTWOUT, Esq.”