

ant cashier, and let me know in a short time. On the same day, or on the next morning, I called again, and Mr. Ogden then informed me *that they would discount the note* at the rate of one per cent. per month. These terms were accepted, the note delivered to them, and the sum of ninety dollars deducted from the face of the note, as the discount. Mr. Ogden paid me the sum of \$2,910, partly in bank bills, and the remainder in a check drawn by him, I think on the Lafayette Bank. The bank bills and the check were immediately paid over by me to an assistant or clerk in the cashier's department, in payment of duties. I immediately obtained a permit, on which I received my goods. All these transactions, in relation to the discounting of the note, the receiving of the money and check therefore, and the paying over of the money for duties, took place in the cashier's apartment or office in the custom-house."

As the examination of Samuel Swartwout, under oath, on Monday, August 9, 1841, by the commissioners, elicited so many astounding statements from the equitable-minded ex-collector, it is thought important to present here the record made of it.

"1. Question. Did you at any time, while collector of the port of New York, 'tell' or otherwise direct J. Phillips, then assistant cashier, or any other person in the cashier's department, not to enter in the cash-book money received on bonds given to secure the payment of moneys due to the United States, and especially did you give any such order or direction in regard to moneys received on bonds contained in a list purporting to have been kept by said Phillips, as set forth in document No. 13 of the house of representatives of the 25th congress, commencing at page 54 of said document, now exhibited to you?"

"Answer. I never told, or otherwise directed J. Phillips not to enter on the cash-book any moneys received on bonds or otherwise, nor did I ever give directions to J. Phillips, or any other persons, in regard to moneys received on bonds contained in a list as set forth in document No. 13 of the house of representatives, commencing at page 54 of said document, now exhibited to me.

"2. Question. Did you in person receive from the obligors of the bonds due to the United States, in any instance or instances, payment on said bonds? And was payment on any such bonds, in any instance, to your knowledge, made to any other person than the cashier or assistant cashier (after the bonds were, by direction of the secretary of the treasury, no longer deposited in bank for payment), except such bonds as had been placed in the hands of the district-attorney for collection?"

"Answer. I am not aware that I *ever* received from the obligors of bonds due the United States *any* payments on said bonds, nor do I know or believe that, in any instance, payment on such bonds was made to any other person