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THE CAMERON BRIBERY CASE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO THE TRUTH OF CHARGES MADE BY T. JEFFERSON BOYER, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM CLEARFIELD COUNTY, OF ATTEMPTS MADE BY GEN. SIMON CAMERON, DIRECTLY, AND THROUGH THE AGENCY OF COL. JOHN J. PATTERSON AND WILLIAM BROBST, TO BRIBED BOYER BY THE OFFER OF MONEY AND PROMISES OF A LUCRATIVE APPOINTMENT TO VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE SAID SIMON CAMERON TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

TESTIMONY OF CHAS. R. EARLEY.

By Mr. Wakefield. Will you please state if you know anything in regard to Mr. Boyer's interviews and arrangements with Simon Cameron and his friends in relation to the election of the United States Senator?

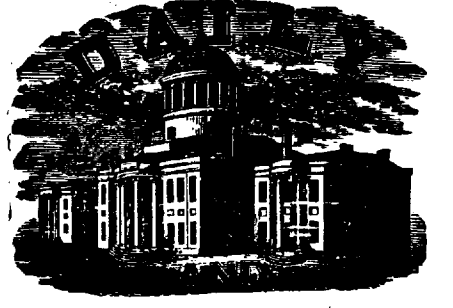
send the other two men back and negotiate with no other one than him (Boyer), and that they were to give him \$20,000 to cast a vote, and gave up the idea of sending any one away, and that Patterson was to hold the stakes; he said that they had had an interview at Don Cameron's house on their return to Harrisburg, and on Monday I understood that they had had an interview which amounted to little or nothing, but that night, after the Democratic caucus, as we went towards our hotel from the Buehler house (late at night), Boyer stopped near the State Capital Bank, not more than five minutes, and when he (Boyer) rejoined us he told his brother and I that he had stopped at the State Capital Bank to see Cameron, and that they had fired a time of meeting the next morning at Herr's Hotel at half past seven o'clock; he said that he had agreed to meet Cameron at the State Capital Bank, but I do not know whether he said he met him or not; the next morning (Tuesday) Patterson came after him at Vaughn's, just as we came out from breakfast, and said to Boyer he wanted him at his (Patterson's) room at Herr's Hotel; it was then after eight o'clock; Patterson had been waiting for him; Patterson started off, and Boyer put on his coat and followed him; he laughed and said that that morning they were to count down the money, to pay \$5,000 hand money, and wanted to know whether he had better take it; he said he had some notion of taking the money and donating it to some charitable purpose, and I replied to him not to touch any money; this is all I know about the matter, except that after his return he said that he had refused to take the hand money, and told them that he would keep it in Patterson's hands and ready for him when the work was done; he also said that they had raised the price \$5,000 when he had agreed to see the Republican caucus committee—that all the money was placed in Patterson's hands, and that Dr. Fuller came there to see him.

By Mr. Brown. Was it understood by you and the persons that you have named that Boyer engaged in a scheme to entrap General Cameron into an offer of money, or place, to secure his (Boyer's) vote for the United States Senator?

By Mr. Wakefield. Did he authorize you to use money, or any other means, to procure votes of members of the Legislature for United States Senator?

By Mr. Pershing. How had he incurred expense? Witness. That I do not know; he never told me; he said it was the fault of General Cameron's Republican friends that he had not a chance of voting for him.

By Mr. Barger. How had he incurred expense? Witness. That I do not know; he never told me; he said it was the fault of General Cameron's Republican friends that he had not a chance of voting for him.



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