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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 BRIBE BOYER, BY THE OFFER OF MONEY AND PROMISE OF A LUCRATIVE APPOINTMENT, TO VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE SAID SIMON CAMERON TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM N. POTTEIGER.

WILLIAM N. POTTEIGER being duly sworn according to law, testifies as follows:

By Mr Wakefield. Where do you reside, and what is your present business in Harrisburg?

Witness. I reside in Berks county, and am at present a member of the House of Representatives.

By Mr Wakefield. Have you any knowledge of the employment of any unlawful means, by any one, to secure the election of an United States Senator in the election of January last, or any attempt so to do, and if so, state fully.

Witness. On the 24th day of December last I was in Reading, at the Keystone House; Mr William Brobst asked me to have a conversation with him; he requested me to accompany him into the bar-room of the hotel and take a drink with him; I was just starting for home, but I did so; we seated ourselves; he said, I understand you are re-elected to the Legislature, and asked me whether this would be my last term; I replied that I supposed it would be; he said this was a very wrong thing to elect members for only two terms, and that they ought to be elected for three; he then remarked, as I was located in the upper end of the county, I had scarcely any chance for re-election, or election to any other position, as these matters were always arranged by the sharpers, (politicians;) he then said, such treatment his brother received; he, after some conversation, said that he desired to say something to me, if I would not betray him; he had before said that he had been around by my house, and had inquired for me, and was too glad to find me so early; I told him in reply to his remark, that this depended upon what he desired to communicate; he repeated his remark; I told him again, that it depended upon what it was, and if I could honorably and consistently do so, I would; he then said, well I know you won't betray me; I replied as before; he then said, he wanted to know who we intended to support for United States Senator; my answer was Mr Jones; he then asked what we intended to do after Jones was out of the way; I replied that we had no second choice; he said that Mr Jones's chance amounted to nothing; I told him I did not know; he then said he wanted me to vote for Simon Cameron, and that by doing so I could make an independent fortune; he remarked that it was consistent, that I might support Mr Jones in caucus and on that subject, then stand off from the caucus nominee, and then at the election vote for Cameron; he said it made no difference, that I could vote after that with my party on all other occasions; he said Cameron had always been a Democrat, and would be one soon again; if he could get to the Senate, he would be the great man there, and would change the policy of the administration in regard to the war; he said I had better let party go to the devil, and make this money; he then desired me to name a day, on which he might bring Simon Cameron down to Berks county, and make a final bargain; I refused to do so; he then said, I will bring General Cameron to your own house, if you will agree to it; I refused that, and told him I had to leave for my home, and we would talk no more about it, but he could see me when I reached Harrisburg; I arrived in Harrisburg on the 5th of January; Brobst came that evening to my seat in the House, and wanted to talk with me; I told him that I could not, that I had to go to the caucus; he asked if he could talk to me tomorrow evening; I told him it might answer; the next evening he came, and then I told him I had an engagement for that evening, and could not talk with him, he then asked me when it would suit me; I told him to-morrow evening; he said that would not suit him, as he had another gentleman to take down to Cameron's on that night; he said, well then, I will come and see you on Thursday evening; he came on Thursday evening, and I told him we had a caucus on that evening, and I could not see him; about ten o'clock, after the preliminary caucus, he called at the Pennsylvania House, where I boarded, and called me aside, and we had a conversation; he said that Comeron had staid in town expressly on his account, as he had promised that I would come and see him; I told him that I would not do it; he then wanted me to go; he said they had several other men but he wanted me to do it, and that I would not regret it if I did it, as I could make a big thing out of it; I then asked him what he meant by a big thing; he said I could get a good position or office; I told him I desired no office; he said if I would only go along, I could get anything that I desired; I asked him how high he could go; he said he would guarantee me five thousand dollars in hand, and a position worth forty thousand dollars; I told him I would not; he said I must go along, and if Cameron would not satisfy me as to that, it should be no bargain; I asked him if I was to vote or absent myself; he said it was at my pleasure to choose which; he said let us go down and we will arrange all; I then told him I would not do it, and that I had made up my mind to have nothing to do with the case at all; I told him I would not do it, that I would take no money, and could be bought by no money; he then said, we will say nothing more about it, and we parted; I forgot to state, that when at Reading, in December, Mr Brobst said to me, that I could make twenty thousand dollars, and that they had four other men, among them Dr Boyer, of Clearfield, but that they wanted to get a more reliable man; when he told me at Harrisburg, that he had several other men, he also added that one of them lived in this house, (the Pennsylvania House,) and that I saw him every day; that is all that occurred between me and Mr Brobst.

By Mr Kaine. Did you go down on the Lebanon Valley railrord in the cars with Simon Cameron, and others, on the Friday before the Senatorial election, and if so, what conversation took place between you and Simon Cameron, or any one else, on this subject?

Witness. I and my colleague (Mr Weidner) entered the cars, and after we had started Captain Eshelman occupied a seat right alongside of me, and he said there is Simon Cameron; Cameron, Dr. Fuller and Senators Lawrence and Nichols occupied seats behind us—two seats back; Eshelman inquired if we were acquainted with Cameron; I answered no; he said he would introduce us to Cameron; Mr Weidner and myself said we did no desire it; very shortly afterwards Cameron left his seat and came forward in the cars; Eshelman rose up and introduced Cameron to us; Cameron took a seat along side of me; I do not recollect all the conversation; he spoke of the beauty of the road; he said he had several fine farms below the city, and said gentlemen, I want you to come and see me; but do not come until after this election has transpired, as gentlemen were afraid to come in these times; he said this jokingly.

By Mr Kaine. Do you know John J. Patterson, and was he in the cars?

Witness. Yes, sir; before we entered the cars some one said to me that is John J. Patterson; I saw Mr Patterson on the cars after they started; Mr Cameron left the seat which he occupied alongside of me, and went forward to the front seat where Mr Patterson was sitting, and took a seat alongside of him in the front part of the car, and afterwards returned to his first seat. I saw Mr Patterson afterwards leave the car.

By Mr Wakefield. Did you communicate what occurred between you and Mr Brobst at Reading to any other person, and if so, when and to whom?

Witness. The conversation was on the 24th day of December; I went home and the next day communicated all the facts to my brother-in-law, Adam Bright, my two brothers, John M. Potteiger and Adam M. Potteiger, and on the next day to Samuel M. Klee, Esq., and Paul Wenrich, Esq; on my way to Harrisburg, on the 5th of January, I communicated the facts to J. Franklin Filbert.

By Mr Brown. When Mr Brobst saw you at Reading, and after talking with him, were you led to believe, and did you believe, that his motive in seeking interviews with you, had reference to improper intentions with reference to the United States Senator?

Witness. I was, and did so believe.

By Mr Brown. When Brobst said to you that he had confidence that you would not betray him, what reply did you make?

Witness. I answered him as I stated three times before; when he said he had confidence, I answered nothing as I had nothing to say, and he done all the talking himself.

By Mr Brown. When you became suspicious that Brobst had improper motives in seeking an interview with you, why did you allow him to hold further conversation with you upon this subject; and what motive had you for assenting to appointments to meet you which Brobst desired?

Witness. In the first place, I considered if any man was mean enough to approach me, I would listen to all he had to say.

By Mr Brown. Had you any design in thus listening to him, or was your design in thus listening to him, to elicit from him his plan of operations?

Witness. It was, and with the intention of cheating him in the end.

By Mr Brown. In order to effectuate that intention, did you either by language or conduct, seek to impress his mind with the belief that you were to some extent acquiescing in his schemes?

Witness. Nothing more than I put him off from one evening to the other as long as I could.

By Mr Brown. Had you any knowledge, prior to the election of United States Senator, of the action that Dr Boyer was taking with reference to deceiving General Cameron?

Witness. I had; Boyer told me on Friday after we got to Reading, as we went down through Washington street; he said these hounds are after me, and I have a great notion to take a few thousand, and then give them a complete blackguarding in the bargain; he said Cameron was in his room to see him.

By Mr Brown. Did you know, or did you suppose at the time of this conversation with Dr Boyer, that he, Dr Boyer, was engaged in a scheme to entrap General Cameron?

Witness. I supposed so from his conversation, because he would not have told me so unless he intended to do something. I had asked Dr Boyer if he was not afraid of doing so, and he said he was not afraid of anybody; and I also so supposed, from the fact that my motive was to act out the thing and defraud them out of their undertaking.

By Mr Brown. What other persons, to your knowledge, were privy to this design to deceive General Cameron or his friends, by inducing him or them to believe that Democratic members of the Legislature would vote for him for the United States Senate, or absent themselves?

Witness. I know of none other.

W. N. POTTEIGER.

TESTIMONY OF HENRY THOMAS.

HENRY THOMAS being duly sworn according to law, testifies as follows.

By Mr. Kaine. Where do you reside, and what is your business?

Witness. I reside at Harrisburg, and am in the coal business.

By Mr. Kaine. What part, if any, did you take, or what efforts, if any, did you make, to secure the election of any particular person to the United States Senate? State fully on this subject.

Witness. I made all the legitimate efforts I could to secure the election of General Cameron.

By Mr. Kaine. What efforts or arrangements did you make to secure an interview or interviews between Gen. Cameron and members of the Legislature for that purpose?

Witness. None.

By Mr. Kaine. Had you any arrangement made, or did you make any arrangement, to take any members of the Legislature to visit Gen. Cameron at his residence?

Witness. I had not and did not.

By Mr Kaine. Do you know of any arrangement or understanding by which General Cameron was to meet certain members of the Legislature at your house?

Witness. There positively was none, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By Mr. Kaine. Did you invite any members of the Legislature to meet at your house on any particular evening prior to the election of the United States Senator?

Witness. I did—Messrs. Graber and Freeland.

By Mr. Kaine. Was there any understanding by you with any person that any other members should be invited to be present on that occasion?

Witness. To the best of my knowledge there was none.

By Mr Kaine. What other members of the Legislature were there on the occasion referred to?

Witness. Mr. Kerns.

By Mr. Kaine. Was Simon Cameron there on that occasion, or about that time?

Witness. General Cameron was not there on that occasion, but he had previously visited my house, and has done so since.

By Mr. Kaine. Can you fix the day of the evening on which Messrs. Freeland and Graber were at your house?

Witness. I can not.

By Mr Kaine. Was John L. Hammer present on the occasion referred to?

Witness He was

By Mr Kaine. Was Simon cameron at your house the next morning and did he take breakfast there with any members of the Legislature, and if so, with whom?

Witness. General Cameron was there, he took breakfast at my house; I believe Mr Wolf did, but no other members.

By Mr Kaine. Did you send for Mr Wolf to come to your house for breakfast on that occasion?

Witness. Emphatically, no.

By Mr Kaine. Do you know of any person going or sending for Mr Wolf to take breakfast at your house on that morning?

Witness. Emphatically, no.

By Mr Kaine. Were you acquainted with Adam Wolf, the member af the Legislature at that time?

Witness. If I was it had not exceeded one day's acquaintance.

By Mr Kaine. Had you seen him the day before or on that day?

Witness. I do not remember.

By Mr Kaine. Had you any conversation with Conrad Graber, on the evening of the meeting at your house referred to, relative to the election of the United States Senator; if so, what did you say to him in reference to that subject?

Witness. I remember some one at the table drinking a toast hoping that General Cameron may be the United States Senator; I said to the gentlemen, from Schuylkill (Messrs Kerns and Graber) that I thought they ought by all means to stick to Frank Hughes, but in the event of his defeat, I hoped to God they would vote for Simon Cameron; but I positively assert that I did not drink (I mean offer) the toast referred to.

By Mr Kaine. Did you take Mr Graber into a side room on that occasion or the next morning and have a private interview with Mr Graber on the subject of the election of the United States Senator, and if so, what did you say to him, and what did he say to you?

Witness. I took him on the next morning into my parlor, and for this purpose; I was informed the night before that Mr Graber came to my house with the intention of extorting from me ten thousand dollars for the purpose of himself and a friend of going into the wood business down south—this having been represented to him as a big speculation; hence my object of calling him into the parlor was to find out by what means he intended getting the above money from me.

By Mr Beebe. State fully all your conversation at that time.

Witness. I asked Mr. Graber what it was he wanted; about that time Mr Kerns came out through the hall and Mr Graber hurriedly answered wait until Kerns and I come from Schuylkill county and I will let you know; my object in asking him what he wanted was to know about this ten thousand dollars.

By Mr Kaine. When and where did you meet Mr Graber first after he came to Harrisburg?

Witness. On the lawn coming up to the Capitol.

By Mr Kaine. Had you any interview with Mr Graber in the hall of the House?

Witness. I do not remember that I had.

By Mr Kaine. On the occasion of your first or any subsequent interview with Mr Graber did you invite him to call at your house on that evening.

Witness. Mr Graber is an old and valued freind of mine, and not having seen him for several years, I of course invited him to call at my house.

By Mr Kaine. Had you any conversation with Mr. Kerns on that evening on the subject of the election of United States Senator, personal or private?

Witness. I said to Mr Kerns, "By all means stick to Frank Hughes as long as there is a chance for him, but in the event of his defeat, for God's sake, vote for Simon Cameron."

By Mr Kaine. On the evening referred to did you take Mr. Kerns aside into any room, and then and there have a conversation with him in reference to the election of the United States Senator, and if so, state fully what you said to him, and what he said to you?

Witness. My answer to the previous question is the sum and substance of all the conversation that I had with Mr Kerns in reference to the United States Senatorship; I did not take Mr. Kerns out of my parlor where the whole party were until we were called to supper, at which time we all left the room together.

By Mr Kaine. After supper did you not take Mr Kerns into a room seperate and apart from the company and there have a conversation with him on the subject?

Witness. Emphatically, no.

By Mr Kaine. On that occasion, either in the evening or the morning, what conversation had you, if any, with Mr Kerns on the subject of a railroad contract?

Witness. I remember having a conversation with Mr Kerns in reference to railroading, but not in connection with the United States Senatorship; I have known Mr Kerns by reputation as a railroad contractor for some years; I had a railroad that I wanted built myself, I also knew of other roads which were soon to be let, and I had previously intended bidding for the same, and thought Mr Kerns a very suitable person to take in with me; Mr Kerns cheerfully assented to going in with me, and at the same time expressed himself tired of Schuylkill county.

By Mr Kaine. What amount of estimated profits did you and Mr Kerns conclude could be made out of this railroad contract?

Witness. Not knowing what amount of work could be awarded, I could not come to any conclusion as to profits.

By Mr Kaine. What railroads were these you referred to?

Witness. One to be constructed by the Lykens Valley railroad company up Williams' valley—another, the extension of the Northern Central railroad to Canton, and the one referred to of my own.

By Mr Kaine. What conversation had you, if any, with Mr Graber on the occasion of the meeting at your house on that evening, or at any other time, relative the lease of coal works?

Witness. I remember when I first met Mr Graber that we had a conversation to the following effect, to wit: He (Mr Graber) complained bitterly of the dullness of trade in Schuylkill county, and asked me if I had any thing that I could give him to do in Lykens valley; I answered him probably that he had better come over to Lykens valley and I would sell out to him; this, to the best of my recollection, is all the canversation I had with Mr Graber on the subject.

By Mr Beebe. What had been your previous business relations with Mr Graber?

Witness. About six years ago Mr Graber was in the coal business in Shuylkill county, and I was engaged at the same place as civil and mining engineer; I examined and reported on the condition of Mr Graber's mines once in every three months; Mr Graber had frequently expressed himself as being very much pleased with the impartial manner in which I made my reports; the last time I heard him express himself as above was at the meeting at my house; hence my mutual good will and attachment to Mr Graber.

By Mr. Beebe. What are your business and personal relations with General Cameron?

Witness. Simon Cameron and myself are as much attached to each other as though we were father and son; I do all my banking business with him, which amounts to several hundred thousand dollars a year; we have had several other important business transactions; he and his family visit my house and I his, and he frequently drops into my house and takes meals and drinks wine; we are on such intimate terms that he even does this without any special invitation.

By Mr. Beebe. What are your business and social relations with Mr. John L. Hammer?

Witness. Mr. Hammer and myself are intimately acquainted and well disposed one to the other; he visits my house and I his; we have no business relations.

By Mr. Beebe. Did you at any time prior to the election of the United States Senator, on your own account or at the instance of Gen. Cameron, by yourself or through the agency of any other person, offer to any member of the Legislature money or any other inducement to vote for General Cameron for United States Senator, or did General Cameron authorize you at any time to make any such offer?

Witness. General Cameron nor any other person ever authorized me, nor did I ever offer or authorize any other person to offer, any money or any other inducement to procure the election of General Cameron, anything further than by mere matter of persuasion.

By Mr. Brown. Do you know one Robert Ratliff, of Tamaqua, Schuylkill county?

Witness. Yes, sir, intimately.

By Mr. Brown. Did you at any time direct Robert Ratliffe to inform Mr. Graber that you wished to see him as soon as he came to Harrisburg?

Witness. Mr. Ratliffe spent a Sunday at my house, and among other conversation we happened to speak of the fall election which had just passed; Mr. Ratliffe mentioned to me that Mr. Kerns, from Schuylkill, and Mr. Graber were their Representatives; I said to Mr. Ratliffe that Mr. Graber was an old friend of mine, and should he happen to see him he should tell him that I would be glad to have him call on me when he came to Harrisburg.

By Mr. Brown. Was this desire that Mr. Graber might call on you at your house based upon any design or intention on your part to influence his vote for United States Senator?

Witness. It was based on old friendship only.

By Mr. Brown. Who all were present at your house at supper that evening?

Witness. Messrs. Kerns, Graber, Freeland, Eshelman, Boyer, (Col. Zacharias,) Hammer, are all that I remember.

By Mr. Brown. Was the meeting at your house on that evening for the purpose of influencing members or procuring votes for General Cameron for United States Senator, or was it merely a social gathering?

Witness. It was a social gathering.

By Mr. Brown. Did you at that time, or at any other time, say to Mr. Graber that General Cameron had control over a colliery where a man could make seventy-five thousand dollars a year, and that he would let it all go, provided he could secure his election as United States Senator, or did you use words to that effect, and add thereto that one vote would do it?

Witness. I positively did not.

By Mr. Brown. Did you at any time say to Mr. Graber to make his own figures on the subject of Senator?

Witness. I don't remember at any time such a conversation.

By Mr. Brown. Did you request Mr. Kerns, or invite Mr. Kerns, to go with you to General Cameron's on that evening?

Witness. I think I asked the party, promiscuously, to go down to General Cameron's, as I was going down, about the time the party broke up.

By Mr. Brown. What was the object of asking them to visit there?

Witness. It was nothing more or less than a mere friendly request.

By Mr. Brown. Did you the next morning ask Mr. John L. Hammer to invite Mr. Graber to your house?

Witness. I did not; neither did I invite or ask any one else to invite any other members of the Legislature there.

By Mr. Brown. Had General Cameron's visit to your house on that morning any reference, or was it for the purpose, so far as you know, of having any interview with members with the view of procuring their support for Senator?

Witness. It was not, to the best of my knowledge.

By Mr. Brown. Was General Cameron's presence at your house that morning a matter which was pre-arranged?

Witness. When I saw the General the evening previous he told me that he was going to be in town early the next morning; I said to him I was going to have an early breakfast for some of my friends that were going away, and inasmuch as he was coming into town early that he should join us; the friends referred to were not members of the Legislature; there was no other pre-arrangement than this.

By Mr. Brown. Had you, in your conversations with Mr. Kerns relative to railway contracts, any purpose or intention to influence his vote for Senator?

Witness. Nothing more than what I had previously stated.

By Mr. Brown. Do you know a man of the name of Benjamin Gouldey?

Witness. I do, he resides in Schuylkill county; I have a slight acquaintance with him.

By Mr. Brown. Did you authorize or request Mr. John L. Hammer or Mr. Benjamin Gouldey to invite Mr. Wolf, or any other members of the Legislature, to your house on the evening referred to, and if so, had such request any reference to controlling or influencing the election of United States Senator?

Witness. I may have authorized Mr. Hammer to extend the invitations to any of his friends, but am not certain as to that, but feel positive that I did not authorize Mr. Gouldey; nothing was thought or mentioned about United States Senatorship.

By Mr. Brown. Had you on the morning referred to a conversation with Wolf in the dining room after the other gentlemen had retired to the parlor?

Witness. I don't remember that I had any conversation with Mr. Wolf on that morning.

By Mr. Brown. Did you ever say to Mr. Wolf that if he voted for General Cameron he should be well paid, or words to that effect?

Witness. I don't remember asking Mr. Wolf to vote for General Cameron, or talking to him on the subject.

By Mr. Brown. You stated that you were informed that Mr. Graber had come to your house to extort money, by whom were you informed?

Witness. By my friend, Mr. Eshelman, who told me to be on my guard.

By Mr. Kaine. Did you go down to General Cameron's on that evening after the breaking up of the party at your house?

Witness. I did.

By Mr. Kaine. About what time in the evening was this?

Witness. I cannot exactly mention the time, but it was pretty late in the evening.

HENRY THOMAS.

TESTIMONY OF JOHN J PATTERSON.

JOHN J PATTERSON being duly sworn testifies as follows:

By Mr. Wakefield. Do you know T. Jefferson Boyer, a member of the House of Representatives?

Witness. I do.

By Mr. Wakefield. How long have you known him?

Witness. I met him first during the session of 1859.

By Mr. Wakefield. Did you, some days prior to the election of United States Senator, ask Mr. Boyer to call at your room?

Witness. No, sir, not at the first interview; I arrived in Harrisburg on Thursday evening, January 8th; I had not seen him previous to that since we parted at the session of '59; I met Mr Boyer in the hall of the House on Friday morning and renewed our former acquaintance, and had no conversation with him on the subject of United States Senator; I had called on him at his hotel in the morning previous to seeing him in the House and enquired for him, and was told he was out; I did so because I had heard that he had professed a desire to vote for General Cameron for United States Senator, from Mr William Brobst, and because I knew Mr Boyer and wanted to ascertain if he really was in earnest; I did so of my own accord and at the suggestion or desire of no one; after I left the House I met Mr Brobst as I went down the street, near the Capitol gate, (near Omit's,) and told him I wanted to see Mr Boyer and would see him during the afternoon; Mr Brobst then told me Mr Boyer was going to Philadelphia, by way of Reading, at noon or after dinner; I concluded to go down on the train and have a talk with him; Mr Brobst told me he was going down and would not return until Monday; I met General Cameron on Thursday evening in the postoffice, after supper, by accident; had a short conversation with him, during which I asked him if he was a candidate for United States Senator; he replied he was not; we parted; I come to Harrisburg of my own accord and at the suggestion or request of no one, and having been sick, had heard nothing in regard to the Senatorship except through the newspapers, as I reside fifty miles from here in the country, in Juniata county; the next morning (Friday) after I had seen Mr Boyer in the House and had concluded to go to Philadelphia, I met General Cameron at the State Capital Bank and told him I had heard Mr Boyer professed a desire to vote for him, (Cameron,) that I had gone to see him and had only met him, and had had no conversation on the subject; that I understood Mr Boyer was going to Philadelphia in the afternoon train, by Reading, and that I was going down and would have a talk with him on the subject; General Camerom then replied that Boyer did profess a desire to vote for him, and he believed he would if not coaxed or scared; Gen. Cameron told me he would be obliged to me for any service I could render him, but he had no idea that any Democrat would be permitted to vote against the nominee; I thus offered my services out of personal regard for General Cameron and owing to my anxiety to secure the election of a Republican United States Senator; I had been a warm personal friend of General Cameron for ten years; General Cameron and I then parted; I met Mr Boyer at the Reading depot and asked him if he was going to Philadelphia; he replied he was only going to Reading; I purchased a ticket for Reading; Mr Boyer and I took a seat in the front car, and shortly afterwards went into the baggage room of the New York car to smoke; Mr Boyer, of his own accord, commenced the conversation in regard to Senator by saying that he was anxious to see General Cameron elected United States Senator, that he did not like any of the candidates before the Democratic caucus, that Hughes was disloyal, Mr Campbell was a Catholic and Mr Buckalew a cold hearted, ungrateful son-of-a-bitch, and that he would not vote for either; that he would vote for Governor Bigler, but he was no candidate; he expressed a great regard for General Cameron as a statesman and a good Pennsylvanian; that a man could be sustained in voting for him, as he had always been true to the best interests of the State, no matter what party he acted with; I then urged Mr Boyer that no one who voted for General Cameron would suffer in public estimation when he voted against such men as he had named; Mr Boyer said Mr Buckalew would be nominated by the caucus and he would not vote for him; I asked him if he really was in earnest, and if he had the nerve to vote against the nominee in the face of the mob which we all expected and had been told to expect by the papers for weeks past, would be present at the election of Senator; he replied it would be hard to do; I said to Mr Boyer I wanted him to be frank and not deceive me, as I sought this interview with him to ascertain if he really was only talking or had a serious notion of aiding to elect Gen. Cameron, that I would not like to see General Cameron be a candidate and be defeated; Mr Boyer then said he wanted to make something out of his position as a member on the Senator question, as this was his last chance, and that if he got his desires accomplished the Clearfield Democracy might go to the devil; I then asked Mr Boyer what he referred to, and he replied that he wanted to make some money or get a good office; I told Mr Boyer I had no authority from General Cameron or any one for him to offer him any money or any inducement whatever to vote for him; that I was no agent of General Cameron and would not act in such capacity for him or any one else; that my only object was to learn from him if he really wanted Cameron elected, but that I was now satisfied he cared more for his own benefit than for General Cameron's success, and I would advise General Cameron, after what he had told me, not to trust to his promises; Mr Boyer then replied he could get money for voting for General Cameron, but did not say from whom; I told Boyer I did not believe it, and that if he voted for General Cameron expecting to get paid for it he would most certainly be cheated, as I did not believe any one had such authority to offer money to any one; Mr Boyer then mentioned that he would like to have a paymastership in the regular army, as he understood it was worth three thousand dollars per year, and he also heard there were two vacancies, and that he would like to have one of them, as it would make him comfortable for life; I told Mr Boyer, while I was anxious to secure the election of General Cameron, I could not talk with him on the subject of money or any promise of office, and if he fixed such conditions to his supporting General Cameron I would drop the subject; I did not offer him twenty thousand dollars or any sum whatever, or any office, but told him no one could promise such an office, as there may be no vacancy, and even if there was it might be impossible to have him appointed to it; Mr Boyer still insisted he wanted to aid General Cameron, and said he would cheerfully absent himself and offered to go to Buffalo, New York, and said I might go with him if I wished and doubted his sincerity; I told him that was all nonsense, that he could only aid General Cameron by voting for him; Mr Boyer again insisted he was willing to do it if necessary, but he wanted General Cameron to stand by him and be his friend; I answered him that he could only make Gen Cameron his friend by voting for him, as going away would do him no good; I told him Cameron's character for gratitude to his friends was sufficient assurance that if he voted for him and he was elected, and it was in his power to serve him, I had no doubt he would do it, as I had always found him cheerful in serving his friends; Mr Boyer expressed great anxiety to have an interview with General Cameron; I told Mr Boyer it was of no use unless he was in earnest, as the General did not want to be troubled with persons offering services who could not carry them out—at least I thought so; Mr Boyer said that he would return to Harrisburg on Saturday evening, and I told him to go and see Gen. Cameron; General Cameron was on the same train on which we were—he got in at Harrisburg; I told Mr Boyer I did not know whether Gen. Cameron would return to-morrow (Saturday) evening, but thought it likely—that I would go and ask General Cameron when he would return, and if he would agree to have an interview with Mr Boyer; I told Mr Boyer I would stop at Reading and return home that night, and would not come back to Harrisburg before Monday evening; he (Mr Boyer) insisted that I should be present at the interview between him and Cameron; I first objected to it, as I did not wish to be away from home so long, but finally consented to return on Saturday evening, if General Cameron would come up that evening from Philadelphia, and was willing to have an interview with Mr Boyer; I would have dropped the whole subject and all further intercourse with Mr Boyer if he had not insisted upon having an interview with General Cameron, as I was satisfied Mr Boyer would not vote for him, in spite of his assertions to the contrary; I suggested to Mr Boyer for the interview to take place at my room at Herr's Hotel, to which he objected, as he said it was too public a place and would excite suspicion, and said he preferred a more private place; I named Mr Donald Cameron's house, to which he agreed—all subject to the approval and consent of General Cameron; Mr Boyer then went forward into the car we first occupied; I stopped in the car where I found Gen. Cameron, and told him I wanted to see him, and we took a seat together; I told him I had an interview with Mr Boyer, and was not satisfied with him, as he was unreliable, but that he still insisted upon it that he wanted to vote for him (Cameron); I told General Cameron Mr Boyer had told me he could get money for voting for him, but did not say from whom; General Cameron said he was lying—that no one had any such authority—that if that was what he was after, he would have nothing to do with him; I told the General what I told Boyer in regard to money or any inducement, that he would not get anything, but after that he still seemed anxious to vote for him, as he said he wanted him to be his friend—that Mr Boyer was very anxious for an interview with him, and that I had proposed he (Boyer) should go and see him (Cameron) to-morrow evening; General Cameron replied that he would have nothing to do with him, and that it was uncertain whether he would return on Saturday evening; I told General Cameron, while I still doubted Boyer's sincerity, I thought it would be well enough to have an interview if it was convenient for them; I told General Cameron I would go home from Reading to-night, and return on Monday evening; he said he would not see Boyer unless I was present, even if he did return, and that he would not hurry himself in coming home to have the interview; I then told him if he would certainly return on Saturday evening, I would return the same evening from home, and he agreed to do it; I went forward to Mr Boyer and told him that General Cameron cared very little about having an interview, but finally had agreed to return to Harrisburg on Saturday evening; he appeared very glad, and urged me to be there and meet with them; I told him I had so promised General Cameron, and would try to do so; we parted at Reading, and I returned the same night; on Saturday evening I returned to Harrisburg; I met Mr Boyer at the depot, and asked him if General Cameron was on the train; he replied he did not know; we soon saw the General get out of the cars; Mr Boyer and I went direct to Mr D. Cameron's house; General Cameron entered a few minutes before us; I told the General Mr Boyer was in the entry, and we went up stairs; Mr Boyer at once commenced the conversation by telling General Cameron he was very anxious to see him succeed, and, after reflecting over it since last evening, he had determined to vote for him, and said, "General, you must stand by me and be my friend, for I will be much abused for voting against the nominee;" General Cameron replied, "Boyer, if you vote for me, it will make me Senator, and I will owe more to you than any other man in the State, and you shall never want a friend as long as I live, if I can serve you;" he said if elected he would be in a position to serve his friends, unless you Democrats break up this government by opposing the war and embarrassing the administration; he did not say the Southern Confederacy would be recognized, and he be a great man in consequence; Mr Boyer swore he was in earnest; and he could rely upon him—that he was not afraid of the mob, and would risk the consequences; the General told him to think of it until morning, and we would see how matters stood; General Cameron did not offer him any money or any inducement whatever, nothing being said on the subject; the interview was very short; Mr Boyer then left, and I remained with General Cameron a short time; we both considered Mr Boyer as too uncertain for General Cameron to be a candidate at this time; I saw nothing of Mr Boyer or General Cameron until Monday afternoon following, when I met Mr Boyer in the hall of the House, and he said to me that he had called at my room to see me; he appointed an interview at my room at six o'clock p. m.; Mr Boyer came to my room (No. 53) at Herr's Hotel a short time after the time appointed, and seemed very much alarmed at the action of the Senate; he so expressed himself; he told me we need not be afraid of him—that he had intended for two months to vote for General Cameron, as he had told me before—he had so promised General Cameron, and he swore he would do so, and said he wanted to see General Cameron and again assure him that he was in earnest and remove any doubt that he had of his sincerity; I replied to him I was opposed to any election of Senator at this time, and if my advice would prevail there would be none, as the election could only be held by the consent of the mob—that no man could exercise his free right of voting in the presence of such a mob as this—that no Democrat would dare vote against the nominee on that account—that I believed personal violence would be used against any one casting such a vote—that if it was not for the mob we could easily elect Cameron; Mr Boyer insisted that he did not care for the mob, and wanted me to tell General Cameron, or give him an opportunity to do so, that he could be relied on; I replied that I would not tell General Cameron so, and would take no responsibility in the matter—that if I did, and he failed when it came to voting, I would be censured by General Cameron and his friends; Mr Boyer asked me to go with him to see Gen. Cameron after the Democratic caucus; I told him that I would wait for him at Mr Donald Cameron's house after the adjournment of the Democratic caucus, and he should come there; nothing was said by me during this interview of any money or any inducements; I opposed to Mr Boyer the idea of his voting for General Cameron at this time, and told Mr Boyer it