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EXPOSURE OF OFFICIAL MALFEANANCE. ibstruction of the Indian Bonds-Faunthorized Acceptances of the late Secretary of War.

The Select Committees of the House of Representatives, consisting of Messra. Isnac N. Morris, of Illinois, James H. Thomas, of Tennessee, J. Morrison Harris, of Maryland, Roscoe Conkling, of New York, and Charles Case, of Indians, who were appointed under a resolution of the House adopted on the 24th of December last, directing them to inquire into and report the facts in relation to the recent fraudulent abstraction from the Department of the Interior of certain bonds held by the Government in trust for the Indian tribes, and to whom were also refer-conditional, and payable out of the earnings of red a communication from the flon. J. B. Floyd, Russell, Majors & Waddell for 1861. Hon. Robert McClelland, formerly Secretary of and previous occasions was \$870,000. There the Interior, yesterday submitted to the House was, therefore, wanting to make up the requisite an elaborate report, accompanied by a mass of sum of securities \$135,000, and we accordingly testimony, upon the transactions which they were find that there is an acceptance bearing date De

port prevents us from doing full justice to its delivery of bonds, and of the receipt therefor, contents in this day's paper. It recites the facts the inference seems unavoidable that the accept-connected with the abstraction of the Indian and was is sued to make up ascertained deficienbonds by Godard Bailey, the clerk who was cy, and that it was anticipated that it would go charged with their custody, and their delivery into the possession of Bailey. by him to William H. Russell, the head of the There are other facts that should be stated in firm of Messrs. Russell, Majors & Waddell, this connexion. Mr. Russell fixes the probable with most of the particulars of which the public earnings of his firm for the year 1861 at from has been heretofore informed. It appears that \$500,000 to \$600,000, while Capt. Van Vleit estithese persons had no acquaintance with each mated them at \$488,000 for 1860; and Gen. Johnother prior to about the 18th of July last, when son says in his testimony that for the present year they met, as it would seem, by arrangement of they will be about what they were in 1860, which other parties, at the War Department, where they were introduced to each other by Mr. Department, where ington by Capt. Miller of a little more than Drinkard, the chief clerk of that Department, 809,000. The conditional acceptances given to It was here, the report states, that they had their Mr. Bailey amount to \$708,000, or \$248,000 first interview.

and pecuniary resources, and that if the acceptances of the Secretary of War were allowed to go to protest, he (the Secretary) would be greatly and these, together with those for \$72,000, is agonized and disturbed. Messrs. Russell and of the Department, and within a few hours one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of bonds to expect that Russell, Majors & Waddell will at the room of the latter in Washington city, make a return of what they have received and on the same morning the recipient returned Majors & Waddell in their stead as security.

there was no further correspondence or commuturned to Washington for the purpose of obtainlog others. An interview was held with Mr. claim your attention. Bailey, the result of which was that three hun-

Carolina and Florida bonds, one hundred and that Mr. Soutter, to whom reference has been forty or fifty, having ascertained that he could already made, said to him upon one occasion that not negotiate them, and North Carolina bonds he had a draft for \$15,000, and with it a letter

tion of the War Department from disgrace, and one half of the amount which he knew, of his the bonds previously taken, from sacrifice; he swn knowledge, was actually due to the parties

question to which your committee can present no and his own private letters failed to bring to light were entire strangers previously to their meeting Mr. Soutter does not change his opinion, but at the War Department, neither the obligations concludes that it was derived from the statements of friendship nor the suggestions of kindly feeling seem to have prompted the act. Mr. Rus. call. These it ders and representations are imsell insists that no money or other valuable con. portant, as showing the means adopted by the siderations ever passed to Mr. Bailey, or, indeed, Secretary of War to get the paper he issued into was ever mentioned in their interviews. - Mr. Bailey confirms this statement in various communications which have reached your committer. It is not ascertained, either, that Mr. Bailey came suddenly into the possession of any large amounts of money. His bank account was kept with Messrs. Riggs & Co., of Washington city, and Mr. Riggs testifies that, between July and the 13th of December, his deposits increased largely over former ones, but amounted in the aggregate to not more than five or six thousand dollars. It 977,395. This estimate is based upon data furis true that this sum is a large one to be in the possession of a person whose salary is but two thousand dollars per annum, and who was supporting a family, yet it would not, of itself, con-stitute a ground for a grave suspicion, or afford a clue to the discovery of the purposes of the abstraction.

witnesses, stated that his design was to protect the character of Governor Floyd, and to save him the endorsements on the returned acceptances. from the dishonor and retirement from the Cabi. and by the testimony of Mr. Irvin, a clerk in the net that would be necessarily incident to the pro- War Department. test and discovery of the acceptances which had been illegally issued to the firm of Russell, Ma- which business was transacted by that gentlemen iors & Waddelf. Whether this consideration and the late Secretary of War, and from the fact was the sole metive of his conduct is left to the that it was the habit of Governor Floyd to issue House to determine. Your committee are, how- acceptances at the Department or at his house, or ever, constrained to express the conviction that at whatever place he happened to be, it is a matbehind the events that have been made conspicu- ter of great uncertainty whether or not the ous, and beneath the exterior of the transactions \$840,000 should be deducted from the sum here-that have been described, is a purpose which, although successfully hidden, was none the less acceptances were returned to Governor Floyd by powerful and efficient, and has given unity and Mr. Russell, he accepted others at the same time

Thompson, the late Secretary of the Interior, the supposition that the acceptances made in the committee say "that they have discovered nothing to involve him in the slightest degree in the this hypothesis the \$840,000 must be deducted until the time of the disclosure by Godard made and registered in the War Department.

WADESBOROUGH, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1861.

ment in the abstraction of bonds was made known, it was discovered at the same time that secoptances, unauthorized by law and deceptive and fraudulent in their character, had been issued by the Secretary of War in favor of Messrs. Russell, Majors & Waddell. As a portion of these are inseparably connected with the history of the band embezzlement, it is proposed first to inquire into the circumstances attending their

made his last application for securites Mr. Bailey agreed to furnish them on the condition that there should be deposited with him, in their place, the acceptances of Gov. Floyd as Secretary of War. Mr. Russell, it would appear had then on hand \$735,000 of sacceptances, \$72,000 charged to investigate. cember 13th for that precise amount. When it The late hour at which we received this re-

more than the maximum sum that could have "Mr. Drinkard, as shown by his own evidence, been earned by Messrs. Russell, Majors & Wadimpressed Mr. Bailey with the belief that Mr | dell during that year, according to the estimates Russell was a gentleman of great respectability of the Department based upon the earnings of the previous year. The acceptances for the \$798,000 were the only conditional ones issued, sued anconditionally, must be regarded as a loss, Bailey held a private interview in the third story as the Government will doubtless acknowledge the obligation to replace the bonds belonging to thereafter Mr. Bailey delivered to Mr. Russell the ladian trust fund; and there is little reason

If your committee could rest here, and could with them to New York. Mr. Russell states feel justified in expressing the belief that there ances of Gov. Floyd which you have paid? that he left with Mr. Bailey one note of Russell, are no other outstanding liabilities, and that no further demands would be made upon this or any According to the statement of Mr. Russell future Congress in connexion with these extraordinary proceedings, they would doen this an ocnication between Mr. Bailey and himself until casion for congratulation to the House. But, un-the September following. At that time he re- fortunately, there are transactions of a similar character, but of a still greater magnitude, that

In 1858 the Secretary of War commenced the dred and eighty seven bonds in addition to those issue of acceptances, and at the same time wrote first taken were transferred to Mr. Russellon the to various banks and individuals urging their purfollowing day. The protection of the honor of chase or discount. One of his letters, and one Secretary Floyd, the necessity for providing for from Mr. Drinkard, chief clerk-of the War Dethe other acceptances as the bonds previously despartment, to James T. Soutter, Esq., President livered, and which were alleged to have been of the Bank of the Republic, will be found inthe reasons for cluded in the testime v taken in New York requiring further assistance. In this, as in first Copies of various other letters relating to the instance, the paper of Russell, Majors & Wad. same subject, obtained from the War Department. accompany this report. Mr. F. P. James, of dell was left as security.

"In October Mr. Russell returned the South New York city, testified before the committee from the Secretary of War, stating that he had in December following, and on the grounds so of Russell, Majors & Waddell, but that at no successfully relied upon before, viz: the protec- time should he issue those acceptances to exceed hundred and thirty-three bonds as an additional being called on to produce this communication, advance, making the entire number abstracted says that 'he had an impression, and he supeight hundred and seventy.

"The transaction last referred to appears to that the War Department issued acceptances to poled it was derived from a letter of Mr. Floyd, have closed the business relations of these two the extent only of one half of the amount that persons, so far, at least, as they related to the ab would become due to Russell, Majors & Waddell on work in process of execution. "Why Mr. Bailey abstracted the bonds is a examination of the letters received by the bank satisfactory an wer. As he and Mr. Russell such a communication as he had expected to find, of some persons whose names he cannot now re-Secretary of War to get the paper he issued into

circulation. In relation to the acceptances issued unconditionally by the late Secretary of War, your committee deem it their duty to state all the facts they have been able to discover, as fully as pos sible. They amount, in the aggregate, to the enormous sum of \$5,179,395. Add thereto the conditional acceptances which have already been thrown back upon the Government through the agency of Mr. Bailey, and the sum total is \$6,nished by the War Department. It appears therefrom that acceptances to the amount of \$840,000 were returned to the Department for cancellation. Mr. Russell, however, claims to have returned only \$200,000, or \$250,000. He further states that the acceptances which he did return were those which had matured in his own "Mr. Bailey in his conversation with various pocket, and could not, therefore, be negotiated.

ritality to the schemes now partially exposed." for the same amount, of which there was no regis-As an act of sheer justice to the Hon. Jacob try made. It is deemed safest to proceed upon the straction, or that he had any knowledge of it from the 80,179,395 of unconditional acceptances Bailey."

On the other hand, however, the Hon. John the records of that Department, \$5,839,395

B. Floyd, the late Secretary of War, is gravely still in circulation; and to this amount the \$798,
uncertainty from this question, and to ascertain liquor in, and I believe it."—Exchange.

NORTH CAROLINA ARGIS, implicated in the report of the committee, as 000 of conditional acceptances received by Mr. "When the iniquitous act perpetrated by one of \$6,137,395. Here, then, confining the statethe subordinate officers of the Interior Department to the records of the War Department, is a ment in the abstraction of bonds was made deficit of \$6,187,395 to full upon the holders of these acceptances, or to be assumed in some way by the Government.

The evidence shows that the acceptances have been sold in various parts of the United States. wherever a bank or private individual could be induced to purchase. Inasmuch, however, as the amount of those that have been traced di rectly into the hands of present holders constituted but a small fraction of the sum still unac "It is stated by Mr. Russell that on the day be counted for, and as owners are daily filing additional claims at the War Department, it is deemedunnecessary to give a detailed statement of the discovered acceptances, or to make other mention. of them than to refer to the papers relating thereto presented by the War Department, and to the general evidence. It is proper, however, to remark, in this connection, that while your com mittee do not deem it necessary to give mid de-The tails, the data in the War Department fixes the the late Secretary of War, and a letter from the amount of the bonds he received on that minimum amount of outstanding acceptances known to that department at \$1,445,000.

Mr. Richard B. Irvin, the faithful and intelligent clerk to whom reference has been made elsewhere in this report, says in his evidence: "There may, of course, be other outstanding ances issued by the Secretary of War." acceptances, of the whereabouts of which the The report, which is of considerable department has no knowledge."

To avoid all appearances of unfairness, your committee consider it proper to give Mr. Russel's estimate of the amount of acceptances issued, as set forth in the following extract from his tea-

Question. State as nearly as you can, of your own knowledge and recollection, the amount of acceptances of Gov. Floyd, shown by that [his] account to you? Answer. I have got but an idea about it. It

was very large. I cannot tell how large. I believe it exceeds \$3,000,000. Q. Poes it not exceed \$4,000,000. A. I do not recollect.

I do not think I have.

Q. Does it not exceed \$5,000,000, A. I judge not; it is all impression on my part. Q. Can you state that you have not received his acceptances to an amount exceeding \$5,000.

Q. How much less than \$5,009,000 can you was the amount? A. I will not fix the amount. I know it was very large. I know it was millions. Q. Will you fix any amount short of \$6,000

000, which you can say covers it? A. I do not think it exceeds \$4,000,000. Q. Can you state to the committee within a half million of dollars, the amount of the accept-

A. No, sir, I cannot. We have certainly paid upwards of \$3,000,000, and probably \$3,-500,000, and cancelled them or retired them. Q. Does \$3,500,000 cover the amount?

A. I cannot say positively.
Q. Can you name a sum which you can be positive does cover the amount? A. I am sure we have paid \$2,000,000

Q. Are you sure you have paid and cancelled A. Well, I am pretty confident in my mind

which you are confident in your own mind was paid and canelled?

A. No. sir. acceptances to an amount larger at the outside ing there a year, he ran away, joined a cattle merthan \$3,500,000 ?

at such a time, was simply an order against the Government. Had the acceptances been held invalidate them.

It also appears from the records of the War Department, that while these acceptances were On the bridge that crosses the Grand Rapids. been discovered the slightest indication that he made any inquiry about the payments, or con-worked other people's land all my days and paid cerned himself to see that they were, when made, applied to the acceptances. Reference to the doing it, and have all the time used a jug with testimony of Gen. Johnson, of the army, and of a bottom to it, by which all my profits have been Hon. Mr. Atkinson, the Third Auditor of the wasted, and I was sick of feeding both landlord and Treasury, nod to a detailed statement of the payments which presented to the committee the amounts of the earnings and payments, will more fully appear. It would, perhaps, be sufficient to say, upon this point, that Mr. Russell acknowl- see that this shall hold all the whisky that will edges that there is now but a small sum due his be used in my family while I control them. Old

positively whether Russell, Majors, & Waddell had ever presented any claim to the War Department for extra services, and whether any claim for such services had ever been paid by that department, and correspondence was accordingly had with the present Secretary of War, the Hon. Joseph Holt, who referred the letter of the committee to Gen. J. E. Johnson, Quartermas-ter General, and Col. J. P. Taylor, Acting Commissary of General Subsistence.

It will be seen, from their replies, that no such claim has ever been made, or allowed. General Johnson, however, states that there is an account amounting to \$27,390.49 still suspended, which the late Secretary of War directed to be reduced by a "disallowance" of \$9,125 62. He also states the sum due them on the 4th of January last, upon current earnings, to be \$27,750.49, from which must be deducted \$15,000 for a duplicate payment. This amount was ascertained by telegraphing to Leavenworth, (at which place the accounts of Russell, Majors & Waddell are kept.) and, although it may not include other earnings in New Mexico, it cannot be largely increased The facts, therefore, are, that Russell, Majora & Waddell not only absorbed all the sums carned by them under their contracts, and sold all the bonds they received from Mr. Bailey, but also raised very large sums of money upon the accept-

The report, which is of considerable length, further states that Mr. Senator Benjamin, having been written to by the holders of one or more of these acceptances, called upon the President and informed him of these illegal acts of the Secretary of War; and that the President replied that he knew nothing of them, and, with many expressions of confidence in the Secretary of War, referred Mr. B to him for the information he sought as to the authority under which the acfollowed with Mr. Floyd he admitted that the practice was wrong, and promised that no more acceptances should be given. But it nevertheless appears that after this promise Mr. Floyil issued acceptances to the amount of \$2,163,000. This report is concurred in by all the members of committee.

DAVID CROCKETT.

"Be sure you are right, and then go ahead," is a wise maxim attributed to one whose life was a continual illustration of the sentiment. Every one has heard of "Davy Crockett," the immortal backwoodsman of Tennessee-the "crack shot" of the wilderness-the eccentric but honest member of Congress-the " hero of the Alamo"-yet few know his early struggles, and the general cur-rent of his life. History has but few words concerning him, but tradition is garrulous over his many deeds.

David Crockett was born at the mouth of the

Limestone river, Green county, East Tennessee, on the 7th of August, 1787. His father was of Scotch Irish descent, and took a prominent part in the war for Independence. It was all a wilderness around David's birth place, and he communed with nature in its unbroken wildness, from the beginning. He grew to young manhood without any education from books, other than he received in his own rade home. When only seven years old, David's father was stripped of most of his property by fire. He opened a tayern in Jefferson county, where David was his Q Can you state any amount larger than that, main help until the age of twelve years. This vagrant life, full of incident and adventure, suited young Crockett, but becoming dissatisfied deserted him, and Q. Did you not pay and cancel Gov. Floyd's his way back to his former home. After tarrychant, and at the end of the journey, in Virginia, A. I think \$3,500,000 will cover the sum. he was dismissed with precisely four dollars in I am very confident in my own mind that it will. his pocket. For three years he was "knocking Mr. Russell then stated that, besides the ac-ceptanges he had used and those still remaining father's home again. He now enjoyed the adin his possession, (the latter somewhat less than vantages of a school for a few weeks, and finally, were substituted in their stead.

"Mr. Russell again appeared in Washington issued, or was about to issue, acceptances in favor two millions in amount,). Gov. Floyd gave him after several unsuccessful love adventures, he after several unsuccessful love adventures, he arrived an excellent girl, and became a father others which he returned, unused, to the War married an excellent girl, and became a father Department. If evidence should be given to in 1810, when he was twenty-four years of age. these explanations the amount of acceptances. He settled on the banks of Elk river, and was still outstanding is very large. But Mr. Russell's pursuing the quiet avocation of a farmer in sumwas enabled to obtain from Mr. Bailey three for services already performed. Mr. Soutter, on statements are searambling, vague, and unsatis- mer, and the more stirring one of inimer in an factory, and he shows such after ignorance of the tunn, when war was commenced with Great details of his business, and such incapacity, or Britain in 1812. Crockett was among the first unwillingness to make an exhibit of his affairs, to respond to Gen. Jackson's call for volunteers. that your committee have considered it much and under that brave leader he was engaged in safer to base their conclusions upon the records several skirmishes and battles. He received the furnished by the War Department. commission of Colonel at the close of the war as

These records are of a character too peculiar to a testimonial of his worth. His wife had died be passed without comment. By reference to while he was in the army, and several small chilthe testimony of Mr. Irvin, a clerk in the War dren were left to his care. The widow of a de-Department, it will be seen that he kept a regis- seased friend soon came to his aid, and in his of the acceptances on loose pieces of paper second wife he found an excellent guardian for only as they were reported to him from time to his children. Soon after his marriage, he retime, and no other was made. He states, too, moved to Laurens county, where he was made that there was no registration of the \$798,000 justice of the peace, and chosen to represent the of conditional acceptances which fell into Mr. district in the State Legislature. Generous, full Bailey's hands; and that immediately after the of fun, possessing great shrewdness, and honest discovery of the abstraction of the bonds, Gover- to a fault, "Crockett" was very popular in the nor Floyd went to his office and directed him Legislature and among his constitutents. In the (Mr. Irvin) to enter an order of cancellation of course of a few years he removed to Western those acceptances, which he did upon a slip of Tennessee, where he became a famous hunter he had entered the dates and amount. With the rough backwoodsmen there he was a others that had been issued. The acceptances man after their own hearts, and he was elected to being in the hands of Hon. Jacob Thompson, a seat in Congress in 1828, and again in 1830. having been placed there by Mr. Bailey, in lieu When the Americans in Texas commenced their of the abstracted bonds, an order of cancellation, war of independence, towards the close of the year 1835, Crockett bastened, thither to help them, and at the storming of the Alamo, at by other parties the order would have been Bexar, on the 6th of March, 1836, the eccentric equally futile; for, if legally issued, it could not here was killed. He was then fifty years of age.

The Jug Without a Bottom.

being issued to the amount of millions of dollars, we met a hale old man and his wife, with eleven Russell, Majors & Waddell, were regularly re- sons, seven daughters, and thirty-seven grand ceiving their pay for the services performed un- children, with horses, calves, sheep and furniture deritheir contract in money from the Government. of antiquated appearance, among which were to The aggregate amount of the payments made to be seen cradles for babies, cradles for grain, them in cash during the years 1858, 1859, and spinning wheels, puts and kettles, and almost 1860, is, \$4,842,964,41, and a large portion of everything requisite for a settlement such as fifty this sum was paid by the proper officer at Leav- blood relations will make in Grand River county enworth city, Kansas. Gov. Floyd admitted in After the train had stopped we made some in his evidence that every acceptance which he quiries, and asked the old gentleman what use made "ran against unearned money," and was, could be made with a bottomless jug, which was designed to give them (the contractors) "the carefully stowed away among his domestic equipered to f their contract." Yet there has not ments, and received the following reply:

firm for current earnings.

General Taylor told my son John that a jug
But it was considered desirable to remove all without a bottom was the best kind of jug to put