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Embezzling money in the Post Office Department.

The Richmond Examiner of the 26th February announces the arrest of a clerk in the Post Office Department, employed in the Dead Letter Department. The same paper of the next day gives the following:

THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT EXAMINED—THE DEMON OF SPECULATION AT THE BOTTOM OF IT.—We alluded yesterday to the arrest of one Perry Moses, a Clerk in the Dead Letter Bureau, of the Post-Office Department, on the charge of abstracting letters therefrom and appropriating the money found therein to his own purposes. Since this moment it has been ascertained that the abstractions have been going on for a long time, as many as six or eight months, and the amount increased in that period by Moses, it was have reached a good many thousand dollars. It was in fact that the accused was largely engaged in speculating, and after the arrest on Tuesday last, it was shown that he had forwarded twenty-seven hundred dollars to Charleston, South Carolina, by express, to be invested in blockade goods for the Richmond market; and also failing to find that he had deposited two thousand dollars in a Richmond bank, and had various sums invested in many directions.

Moses is a grey-headed man, of family, between fifty five and sixty years of age, a native of South Carolina, and related to Hon. F. J. Moses, a member of the State Senate, and one of the most eminent lawyers of the State. Some sympathy is expressed for him from the fact that one of his sons was killed in the battles of the Chickahominy, and another severely wounded.

Moses first holds position in the Department under a thousand dollars per annum, with which he probably frugally expended his family. With the inflation of prices, the recent increase to nearly fifteen hundred dollars, added, in common with others, he fell a victim to the mania of speculation.

While in business, before the war, in South Carolina, he failed two or three times, but with the regard of his creditors to his honesty that they allowed him to go on again with out presenting him for payment. He has held a post in the Postoffice Department ever since the location of the Confederate Government in Richmond. Taking into consideration his habits, he was all along regarded as a model of honest poverty and frugal living. People who knew his salary, in thundering against the discovery of his peculations, [illegible]

We learn that suspicion was first excited against Moses by the smallness of his deposits from the cashing of blood letters, in comparison with other clerks similarly employed. It was then the dead letters were thrown in his way again, and the result was a discovery of his guilt. Moses was then the dupe of letters which had been purposely left in his way, containing money, and the detectives, upon making a search, did not find any money. Moses admitted the abstractions, but said he had not the money, and could not find it. He said he had lost it in speculation, speculation, speculation, deep-dyed and damning villainy, exists in the Quartermaster's Commissary and other departments of the Government, and we believe, that to a alarming extent, it is the dominant motive of the rebellion, (and such as one the writer knows the incorruptible Lincoln offered to buy if he the villainous wretch was not a traitor,) should build his fortune upon his country's ruin. Such crimes against our common people and high heaven, should be exposed. A Judas perpetrator consigned to eternal infamy—sunk so low as to render it impossible for the hand of degradation to touch him. We know that while honorable exceptions there are, the corruption and cold villainy employed in government does exist. We tell you, Mr. President, it is so. Here is one, third in the interlocked twins, one shoulder to shoulder, willing and at hand with you. The good and virtuous will commend your devotion to duty, but you cannot find the vile and corrupt, only will deride you for your integrity.—[*Atlanta Commonwealth.*

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Hon. R. B. Foster.—We are rejoiced to see that this distinguished member from Tennessee, by his bold and fearless denunciation of corruption and [illegible] is [illegible] corruption, speculation, speculation, deep-dyed and damning villainy exists in the Quartermaster's, Commissary and other departments of the Government, and we believe, that to a alarming extent, it is the dominant motive of the rebellion, (and such as one the writer knows the incorruptible Lincoln offered to buy if he the villainous wretch was not a traitor, [illegible] would build his fortune upon his country's ruin. Such crimes against our common people and high heaven, should be exposed. A Judas perpetrator consigned to eternal infamy—sunk so low as to render it impossible for the hand of degradation to touch him. We know that while honorable exceptions there are, the corruption and cold villainy employed in government does exist. We tell you, Mr. President, it is so. Here is one, third in the interlocked twins, one shoulder to shoulder, willing and at hand with you. The good and virtuous will commend your devotion to duty, but you cannot find the vile and corrupt, only will deride you for your integrity.—[*Atlanta Commonwealth.*

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