

Answer. I think at Harrisburg, or rather, I will not say it was dated there, but that was my impression. I considered it a confidential matter, and I took it for granted that as a gentleman, I had no business to look at it.

Question. Did you or not, read so far as to ascertain that it referred to some money transactions?

Answer. I saw the Dispatch which was said to be a duplicate, and that altered my impression.

Mr. *Gordon*. That is not proper.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. As far as you did read it, what were the contents of it?

Answer. Something about Mr. Brock.

Mr. *Alexander*. I object to that, the Dispatch itself is the best evidence.

Gov. *Pratt*. And Mr. Talbot to whom the Dispatch was sent is here.

Mr. *Whyte*. And a copy of the Dispatch from the Telegraph office can be furnished.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. What did you read in that Dispatch?

Answer. As to reading it, I merely glanced at it, and the moment I did so, I discovered it was not for me, and handed it over to Mr. Cheney, and never disclosed anything about the matter until it was made public by Mr. Cheney.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. You opened the Dispatch?

Answer. Yes sir, and the moment I did so, I saw it was not for me.

Question. When was that?

Answer. I think it was last winter.

By Mr. *Whyte*. Question. Was it not in the month of April?

Answer. Well, yes sir, I think it was.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Can you state something to identify it?

Answer. What struck me about it was, that it was about Mr. Brock.

Question. To whom was it directed?

Answer. To Mr. Talbot.

Question. Who sent it?

Answer. I don't recollect.

By the *Chairman*. Question. Was there any sum of money mentioned in it?

Answer. I do not remember that. I cannot speak positively in regard to the Dispatch.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Was it not signed by John Ely?

Answer. I declare I don't remember who it was signed it.

By Mr. *Whyte*. Question. Was it not signed by John Ely?

Answer. It strikes me that the duplicate I saw —

Question. Was not the original Dispatch signed by him?

Answer. I cannot say.

Question. You say the name of Brock was in the body of the Dispatch?

Answer. Yes, sir; if I could see the duplicate, I think I could tell.

*C. A. Talbot*, called and sworn.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Did you receive a Dispatch some time about last April?