

President made his statement to the board. To this I reply, that I did not leave the room until the board had adjourned, so far as I know. That I did not know that the collector was in the house until the board had left it, and that I did not leave the room with any object or intention of seeing the collector or conversing with him.

I am also asked whether such proceeding on my part was not calculated to make the President apprehend that I would divulge, if left in my office, the most confidential occurrences in the room of the directors? To this I answer, that as I had not left it at the option of the President to say, whether I was to be left in my office or not, so he had nothing to apprehend from my divulging any of his "confidential occurrences," which might take place thereafter. At the *first meeting of the board* in June, after the re-election of Mr. Thomas, I addressed them a letter saying that I should resign my office as soon as my accounts then in the hands of a committee of the stockholders, should be passed upon. I fulfilled this purpose on this 9th July, not from much apprehension that the President could procure my dismissal, for in the effort to do that, he had signally failed whenever attempted.

*8th Question.* Is not the collector at Georgetown, of the same political party as is the President?

*Answer.* Until about the time of the election of Mr. Thomas to the Presidency of the canal company, I do not know that I ever heard what were the political views of Mr. O'Reilly, although I had had a business intercourse with him for eleven years. Since the election of Mr. Thomas, I have heard Mr. O'Reilly say, that his political enemies had treated him better than his political friends; from this I infer that he professes to belong to the political party of the President.

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