

**Felix Grundy to Andrew Jackson, November 13, 1838,  
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. . . . You will be surprised to hear, what is a secret here as yet, but will be public in a few days, General Saml. Swartout, late collector at the port of Newyork is a defaulter to the amount of a million and a quarter of dollars, this is not a default of the usual kind. About nine months after he went into office, he commenced sending false papers etc. to the Treasury Deprt. which rendered detection here impossible. The discovery was made at the Custom house in Newyork. The 1st Comptroller of the Treasury, the Solicitor etc. are all in Newyork, securing the Government from loss. . . . .