New York 9th January 1875.

His Excellency M. S. Grant,
President of the United States,

Sir:

The enclosed letter

As for the exercise of your clemency in the case of Mr.
J. T. F. Stiles, who is a refugee in Canada. I know
nothing in regard to it except what is stated in Mr.
Sedgley's letter. But the letter has nothing above to
consideration in the proof of his upright and manly
conduct at the commencement of the rebellion in 1861.

On the 11th of February of that year I made a
report, as Secretary of the Treasury, in compliance
with

John A. Dix
N.Y. Nov. 1864.
a Resolution of the House of Representatives, con-
cerning the duties of customs-officers, enacted that "in
the southern states under the authority of
their States. Nearly all the officers of the
government of the United States having public
in their hands,
money, paid them over to the State authorities
instead of accounting for these, as they were
pledged to do by their oaths of office. After
speaking of these breaches of official faith,
I added:

"The Attorney-General of Charleston
Benjamin C. Scullery Esq. in honorable contact
has promptly paid all debts on presentation
him, and has applied to this Department to draw
for the balance in his hands, that in order that he
may be released from his official liabilities.

My recollection is that this is the only
exception to the general rule of infidelity to the
government of the United States among Southern
officials. I trust you will consider this a sufficient
cause for an inquiry into the case, in which
Mr. Willey, I think, an interest, quotes
Mr. Willey, that I am on my part not in any
interess in the exercise of your clemency.

[Signature]
Thomas Jefferson