

OFFICIAL CORRUPTIONS IN NEW ORLEANS.

The Case of Collector Steadman and Radical Comments Thereon.

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Unsubstantial rumors of official corruption involving high parties at New Orleans, have taken definite form. General Steadman, Collector of that port under Johnson, is charged with defalcations aggregating the enormous sum of \$600,000. Though previous hints have been given that the general was not entirely scrupulous and upright, this allegation of tremendous and wholesale villainy will be received by the public with surprise and pain. The case affords material for reflection upon the close alliance between perfidy to principle in the abstract and personal iniquity. General Steadman made a brilliant record during the war. At its close few men stood higher or had fairer prospects of elevation. In an evil hour he was induced by his former democratic associates to unite in their scheme for sustaining the perfidious Johnson against Congress. The President sent him to New Orleans as a spy upon Sheridan. For his despicable services in that capacity he was appointed to succeed the hero of the Shenandoah in command of the department and proffered the Secretaryship of War. Neither of these places suited him, for a reason now apparent—they were not sufficiently profitable. He was then made Collector, and it is now said that during his brief career in that place he plundered the people of more than half a million dollars! What a record to supplement the glorious achievements he had made as a soldier! Probably the robberies of Steadman were perpetrated in co-operation with the whiskey ring. His associations in that direction were notoriously bad while he was in office. At last accounts this desperate adventurer was seeking to get off for Cuba in command of a filibustering expedition. It would be well for him could he meet death upon some battlefield in a manly effort to secure liberty for an oppressed people.