

*Question.*—What knowledge have you of the process (*instruction*) which preceded the issue of the indictment? *Ans.* None.

*Question.*—In the course of the visits which you paid to Lamirande at New York, did you speak to him of what the Consul would do for him if he returned to France. *Ans.* The Consul General, on the occasion when we first went together to see Lamirande, and when he was recognised as being indeed Lamirande, told him that if he would return voluntarily to France, he would write to his judges to interest them in his behalf, and he gave his word of honor that he would go. I myself often spoke to him to the same effect, and I advised him to return to France. I told him that if he returned voluntarily as he promised, the Consul General would write what he had said he would, and that I in my oral evidence at Poitiers, before the Court of Assize, would be favorable to him. These conversations took place ten, twelve, fifteen, or twenty times. The day following, or possibly the very day of his arrest, conversations of the nature which I have just described took place between Lamirande and myself. At a certain period after the suit for extradition had commenced I continued to see Lamirande, and one day he said to me: "I can no longer speak with you about my affair, let us talk of something else," and accordingly we talked of other matters. During that suit I one day entirely ceased to visit him. I no longer saw him, except at Court, where I had no conversation with him.

*Question.*—How long before his escape did you cease to visit him? *Ans.* I cannot say.

*Question.*—Could there have been a month as well as a week between the time when you ceased to visit him and the time of his escape? *Ans.* I cannot say; it may have been a fortnight, or it may have been a week; I cannot state exactly.

*Question.*—When you had ceased to visit him, had the question ever been raised as to his being accused of forgery, and how? *Ans.* Yes, I had told him in prison that he had been accused of forgery through his balance sheet, as stated in the indictment, and he coincided with it, and even endeavored to give an explanation as to the interpretation of the word forgery (*faux*).

*Question.*—Be good enough to state as exactly as possible what Lamirande said to you in relation to his balance sheet? *Ans.* There was no discussion between us as to his balance sheet. I said to him, "You are accused of the forgery of commercial documents." "In what way, of forgery?" replied he. I then said to him: "By your false balance sheet, which you signed on the day of your departure." He then said to me, "that is not a forgery in the eye of the law." This is the substance of the conversation that I had with Lamirande.

*Question.* Did you tell him in what respect it was maintained that his balance sheet was false and untrue? *Ans.* In bearing upon the face of it that there was in the safe of the bank a sum of seven hundred thousand francs which he carried off with him. This is what was told me about it, and what I repeated to Lamirande. I did not see his balance sheet.

*Question.*—Did that conversation take place before or after the arrival of the indictment? *Ans.* The question was probably raised before, but it certainly was afterwards. I had received letters giving me the information, that is to say, of his being accused of forgery.

*Question.*—Did not the Consul General of France at New York say to Lamirande in your presence that there was no accusation of forgery against him, and that no punishment except imprisonment could be inflicted upon him? *Ans.* When I saw Lamirande with the Consul General, it was on the day after his apprehension, and it was evident that we were not aware that an accusation of forgery against him existed; therefore no mention could be made of it, and I do not recollect that the Consul General spoke of imprisonment.

*Question.*—Do you know whether in the statement made by Lamirande's director, of the matters of which Lamirande is accused, the question of accusing the latter of forgery is raised? *Ans.* I have not read that document, nor have I heard it read.

*Question.*—From what Lamirande told you, would his balance sheet have been true and exact, if Lamirande had not carried off seven hundred thousand francs? *Ans.* I cannot answer that question, but if the seven hundred thousand francs had remained where they were, he would not have run away, and we should not have run after him.