

Washington. He was simply a dispatched murderer, and after the night of the crime, struck northward for the frontier, instead of southward, in the company of Booth."

A reward of \$20,000 for Sanders and \$25,000 for Thompson was offered by the United States Government for their apprehension and conviction, on account of this conspiracy. An attempt was made to kidnap Sanders, but he was rescued by the authorities of Canada.

From the letter of Jacob Thompson to Mr. Benjamin, Secretary of State of the Confederacy, obtained from the rebel archives, now in the hands of the U. S. Government, it appears "that he and C. C. Clay Jr., were sent early in 1864, to Canada, by the Confederate Government, as political agents, armed with the largest powers; that they took with them \$600,000 of Confederate funds in gold; that he, (Thompson,) knew nothing of the details of the St. Albans raid, but Clay ordered it and furnished the money for it."

These uncontrovertible facts leave no doubt of a conspiracy covering all the overt acts afterwards committed, through the procurement of those political agents, with Confederate money, fully organized, and proceeding from Canada to St. Albans, Washington and other places. Lieut. Young was appointed on the 16th of June, 1864, by Jefferson Davis, through the Confederate Secretary of War, First Lieutenant for special service, and this order given him: "You will proceed without delay to the British Provinces, where you will report to Messrs. Thompson and Clay for instructions."

On the 6th of October, 1864, Young received the following order from C. C. Clay Jr., who was then in Montreal: "Your suggestion for a raid upon accessible towns in Vermont, commencing with St. Albans, is approved, and you are authorized and required to act in conformity with that suggestion."

Oct. 6th, 1864.

C. C. CLAY JR."

Indeed, Judge Smith, in his opinion delivered in the St. Albans case, says: "While at St. Catherines, Young reported his doings to Mr. Clay, and obtained his sanction, both verbal and written, of the projected attack. While in Montreal, in