



“Arrest of Pierce Butler” from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, August 20, 1861

Yesterday morning a dispatch was received from Secretary CAMERON, ordering the arrest of Mr. PIERCE BUTLER, one of the most noted men of the country, formerly a resident of this city, but recently a resident of the South, and an alleged extensive slave owner. The order of arrest was accompanied with a description of the probable locality in which Mr. BUTLER would be found. Marshal MILLWARD immediately set out upon the search, and, after fixing upon the exact premises designated, (a large boarding-house in Broad street, above Pine,) disposed of his deputies, Messrs. SHARKEY, JENKINS, and SCHUYLER, in a manner most likely to prevent the escape of the prospective and distinguished prisoner. The Marshal then procured a carriage, which was placed in a convenient position. He then rang the bell, which was answered by the lady of the house, who produced Mr. BUTLER. The Marshal read the order for arrest, and placed hands upon the gentlemen, in the name and by the authority of the United States Government. Mr. BUTLER looked somewhat crestfallen, but delivered himself up without a remonstrance.

PIERCE BUTLER, a prisoner of the United States Government was then placed in the hands of the Deputy Marshals, whilst Marshal MILLWARD proceeded to overhaul the trunks and furniture of the prisoner. After an extended and diligent search of the entire premises, nothing was found to directly implicate BUTLER in any design against the Government.

As the prisoner was placed in the carriage, the lady of the house asked-

“When will you return, Mr. Butler?”

And the person addressed replied in a *nonchalant* way-

“Oh, as soon as the war is over, Madam.”

The carriage, with the company, then drove down to Walnut street wharf, where the Camden and Amboy boat was taken for the railroad depot. Here the Deputy Marshals took their leave, and Marshal MILLWARD proceeded on to New York, where the prisoner will be placed in durance (?) at Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor.

The antecedents of PIERCE BUTLER are well known to our citizens. He is, we believe, a native of Philadelphia, and was educated to the bar. He is reported to be very wealthy.