We Know

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Mr. Vice President
Mr. Madison
Senator Burr
What is this?

We have the check stubs
From separate accounts…

Almost a thousand dollars, paid in different amounts…

To a Mr. James Reynolds way back in seventeen ninety-one

Is that what you have? Are you done?

You are uniquely situated by virtue of your position

Though 'virtue' is not a word I'd apply to this situation

To seek financial gain, to stray from your sacred mission

And the evidence suggests you've engaged in speculation

An immigrant embezzling our government funds

I can almost see the headline, your career is done

I hope you saved some money for your daughter and sons

Ya best g'wan run back where ya come from!

Ha! You don't even know what you're asking me to confess

Confess

You have nothing. I don't have to tell you anything at all
Unless

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If I can prove that I never broke the law
Do you promise not to tell another soul what you saw?

No one else was in the room where it happened

Is that a yes?

Um, yes

"Dear Sir, I hope this letter finds you in good health
And in a prosperous enough position to put wealth
In the pockets of people like me: down on their luck
You see, it was my wife who you decided to..."

Whaaaat

She courted me
Escorted me to bed and when she had me in a corner

That's when Reynolds extorted me
For a sordid fee
I paid him quarterly
I may have mortally wounded my prospects
But my papers are orderly!
As you can see I kept a record of every check in my checkered history
Check it again against your list n' see consistency
I never spent a cent that wasn't mine
You sent the dogs after my scent, that's fine
Yes, I have reasons for shame
But I have not committed treason and sullied my good name
As you can see I have done nothing to provoke legal action
Are my answers to your satisfaction?

My God

Gentlemen, let's go

So?

The people won't know what we know

Burr!
How do I know you won't use this against me
The next time we go toe to toe?

Alexander, rumors only grow
And we both know what we know

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