

## Howard Schneider

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### **A Coast Survey Scandal**

#### **Charges of Corruption Against B.A. Colonna-- He Denies and Explains**

Mr. Howard J. Schneider, a draughtsman formerly employed in the coast survey office, has written a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury charging corruption in office on the part of B.A. Colonna, assistant in charge of the bureau, and E.H. Fowler, a draughtsman. He charges that he had to contribute money to Colonna and make a present to Fowler in order to keep his place in the bureau. He says he did work for the Boston and Maine railway company, for which \$204 was paid by the treasurer of the company, and that of that sum Colonna received \$50. Other specifications are similar in character.

Mr. Colonna denies the charges. He says work done for outside parties has to be paid for. An estimate is made of the cost and a deposit of the amount required. The sums, he says, deducted as in the cases cited by Schneider, were the differences between the actual cost of the work and the estimates, which were greater, and the money so deducted was returned to the parties making the excessive payment.