

COLLINS DECLARES HE WILL PROVE INNOCENCE

Former Albuquerque Lawyer,
Arrested at Clayton on Em-
bezzlement Charge, Says He
Was Instructed to Use Money

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Clayton, N. M., Jan. 21.—Hugh J. Collins, a prominent lawyer here, who was arrested last night on telegraphic instructions from the sheriff's office at Albuquerque, and who since has been in the custody of Sheriff T. J. Mansker, pending the arrival of a deputy sheriff from Hernandez county, today declared he was innocent of the charge of embezzlement made against him. According to Collins, the funds which he is alleged to have misused, were expended legitimately and on instructions from the proper authorities.

The Albuquerque officer was expected to arrive here tonight to take charge of Attorney Collins and return with him to Albuquerque, where he will be given a hearing and his bond fixed.

It was learned today that Collins has consented to return to Albuquerque without an officer, when arrested, but since Sheriff Mansker was instructed to hold him, he could not agree to such an arrangement.

DEPUTY SHERIFF EXPECTED TONIGHT WITH COLLINS

Undersheriff Dick Lewis said yesterday that Deputy Sheriff A. C. Burtless, who went to Clayton to bring Attorney Hugh J. Collins to Albuquerque, probably would arrive here tonight. He may be delayed until tomorrow, but the undersheriff did not regard this as probable.

Before his departure Tuesday night for Clayton Deputy Sheriff Burtless received a telegram from Collins, who offered to come to Albuquerque. He inquired whether he should remain there until Burtless arrived.