

Question. Is it well directed and managed ?

Answer. It is managed, I think, with a great deal of care, with regard to the public interest and wants.

Question. They failed in not opening the books, did they assign to you any reason why they did not open them ?

Answer. I had no conversation ; my colleague, Travers, said that they refused to do it because their counsel advised them that it could not be legally carried out. We insisted, on the other hand, whether it was legal or not, that it was the ordinance.

Question. Notwithstanding the assignment you thought it was your duty to open the books ?

Answer. Imperatively so, and so we did it.

Question. I understand you to say you had abandoned all pecuniary interest by the assignment itself.

Answer. Most distinctly.

*By Mr. Pratt.*

Question. Do you know of any money being paid to any member of the City Council for this grant ?

Answer. Not a cent ; I don't believe they got any.

Question. Certainly none was received by yourself ?

Answer. Certainly none by myself.

Question. Or with your privity or knowledge ?

Answer. Or with my privity or knowledge.

*By Mr. Hambleton.* I understood you to say you had no connection with the City Council ?

Answer. Not the slightest ; I only came up to find the fearful responsibility imposed by the ordinance.

*James M. McPhail called and examined by Mr. Hamilton.*

Question. Was your brother President of the Second Branch of the City Council at the time of the passage of the City Passenger Railway Bill ?

Answer. He was.

Question. State whether or not any proposition was ever made to you for the use of your name as one of the grantees of the bill now known as the Travers Bill ?

Answer. There was.

Question. By whom ?

Answer. By Mr. Ignatius Barton ?

Question. State the conversation that transpired ?

Objected to unless it was shown that Mr. Brock was connected with it.

The Chairman ruled that Mr. Barton's complicity must first be shown.

*Ignatius D. Barton called and examined by Mr. Hambleton.*

Question. Please state whether you were a reporter for a daily journal during the pending of the Travers bill ?

Answer. I was ; for the Baltimore Clipper.

Question. Did you or not ever at any time approach Lambert A. Whitely, the editor, for the purpose of offering him certain propositions to obtain the influence of that journal for that bill ?

Objected to.

*By Mr. Pratt.* Did Mr. Brock ever authorize you ?

Answer. He never authorized me to call upon him or any one else ; I did it on my own responsibility.

*By Mr. Pratt.* Then his editorials were ?

Answer. It was a newspaper influence ; the influence of other papers would be directed in another channel, and hence I took the course I did.