

TESTIMONY.

January 24, 1840.

THE ANSWER OF WILLIAM W. JOHNSON

To interrogatories propounded to witness in the matter of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, charged upon a select committee by an order of the House of Delegates, passed January, 1840.

Interrogatory. 1. What relation do you sustain to the Eastern Shore Rail Road.

Answer to 1st Inter. I am treasurer and stockholder to said company.

2. How many shares of stock are now bona fide held by private stockholders in the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company.

Answer to 2d Inter. I cannot answer precisely, not having my books here, but there are between eleven hundred and thirty-three and forty.

3. State the names of the several stockholders, and the amount held by each.

Answer to 3d Inter. I cannot answer the question correctly as to the names of the stockholders and the number of shares held by each, for the reason aforementioned in interrogatory second.

4. How many shares of stock do you hold? How many have you ever held? Have you parted with any? To whom and at what time? What induced you to sell a portion of your stock? Was it because you doubted its profitableness?

Answer to 4th Inter. I hold fifteen shares; I was at one time holder by purchase of fifty shares; I have sold forty shares to Wm. Slater, because I had more than I wanted; I have subsequently purchased five shares.

5. Is the same now held or has it been forfeited.

Answer to 5th Inter. The forty shares that I transferred to William Slater have been forfeited.

6. What price was paid you for it? Was any instalment paid on the stock so sold by you, after it was transferred, before the same was forfeited.

Answer to 6th inter. I never got any thing for it. No, I paid the first and second instalment before it was transferred.

Inter. 7. Do you now regard the investment of money in stock of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company as a profitable investment, to one who is not an officer or agent of or a contractor with the company?