

application, (which aid he intimated must be drawn from different parts of the State, by uniting all interests,) he said that it was his opinion at least \$10,000 ought to be appropriated by the rail road company.

I retired from his office, and after conferring with my associates we finally agreed to give the sum suggested, as without the aid now sought, the completion of our undertaking was hopeless; and it was finally arranged that I should advance \$500 as a retaining fee to meet current expenses, which amount was afterwards paid over to J. W. McCulloh. It was also understood that the balance should be paid upon the subscription of the State being obtained to the amount of \$3,000,000.

Answer to the third interrogatory. I am not aware of there having been any *definite* estimates of the cost of the road, until the late report of the engineers, after its actual location to the Ohio River. We had in fact, when we undertook this work, no experience nor other correct data upon which estimates could have been safely based.

During the early progress of the work, its construction was deemed to be of such vital importance to the commerce of Baltimore, that its projectors considered it indispensable to press forward its completion, whatever might be the cost. General ideas were formed and statements published, of the probable expense of the first sections, as well as of the entire line of the road, which calculations were founded upon the limited information then in possession of the company. They were however in the sequel, discovered to be far below the actual cost of these sections.

There was a regular estimate made of the cost of the Washington rail road, by Jonathan Knight the chief engineer of company, which I believe upon the completion of the graduation and construction of that road, was found to vary but very little from the estimate on which its construction had been undertaken. This estimate, like the one recently made in regard to the main stem to the Ohio River, was founded upon experience and a competent acquaintance with the subject.

Answer to the fourth interrogatory. The retaining fee as stated in my answer to the second interrogatory, was paid to James W. McCulloh, and an additional sum of about five hundred dollars was paid on further account, by taking up McCulloh's note when he was absent on public business at Harrisburg. No other, nor further payment that I know of has been made either to him or to any one else.

Answer to the fifth interrogatory. I have no other knowledge in relation to this question than what will be found in my answer to the second interrogatory, except that, after the passage of the \$8,000,000 act, as it has been termed, Joseph I. Merrick called on me and requested payment of the balance of the sum which he claimed for his professional services. He shewed me a letter from J. W. McCulloh, disclaiming any interest on his part in the mat-