

The parties purchasing this charter knew at the time of purchase, and before the same was consummated that the price paid for the same was the exact cost of obtaining the charter and expenses incurred in complying with the terms of said charter up to the time of transfer, less the interest thereon. I will also state that not one of the incorporators aided me in obtaining the charter from Congress, and that I got it through unaided and alone; so far as any of my associates were concerned, to the contrary they did not aid me at any time. I called on several of the incorporators, Messrs. Baughman, Watkins, Henderson and yourself, and none of them took sufficient interest in the matter to reply to my many communications upon the subject.

Yours truly, &c.,

ARTHUR B. BROPLEY.

*Washington, D. C., to wit:*

I hereby certify, that on this 29th day of March, 1892, before me, a Notary Public of Washington, D. C., personally appeared A. B. Cropley, Esq., and made oath in due form of law, that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing letter are true as therein stated.

Given under my hand and my Notarial seal, this 29th day of March, 1892.

OLIVER T. THOMPSON,

Notary Public.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Canals.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, reported unfavorably,

House bill entitled an Act to repeal section 1, of Article 80, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "State Reporter."

Which was considered, and

On motion by Mr. Moss,

Said bill was substituted for the unfavorable report, and read the second time.