

TESTIMONY.

ANNAPOLIS, TUESDAY, Jan. 31, 1860.

Committee met this forenoon at one o'clock. Mr. Seth in the Chair.

The Chairman stated that he had issued summons' to the following parties to appear as witnesses:—Charles L. Kemp, Clerk; Edward Rooney, Edward Rhodes, J. T. England, Jesse Fahnestock, John W. Garret, James E. Tyson, John S. Williams, A. C. Hall and Wm. Hall.

Edward Rhodes was the first witness called and being sworn, deposed:

Question—Are you shipping clerk of Shriver's line?

Answer—Yes.

Question—Well, does Shriver's line undertake to carry through freight from this to New York?

Answer—We have been doing so.

Question—Do you know about the through freight charges, and if so, state them.

Answer—I was summoned in reference to the business for the month of May, 1859, at that time I recollect some of the rates on flour, pork and lard.

Question—What were they?

Answer—I have got a little memorandum here. I was summoned to bring the invoice book, but could not obtain the book nor access to it, as I have now changed my position in the line. Flour, 70 and 90 cents per barrel from Cincinnati to River Point and New York.

Question—When was that?

Answer—May, 1859. These are the rates which appeared on our manifest. Tobacco 40 and 60 cents per 100 lbs., from Louisville principally to New York. Flour fluctuated very much—from 75 to \$1.10—(according to the starting point) per Canal. These are about all the rates I can recollect.

Question—Were there any drawbacks allowed.

Answer—Not that I know of. All that I know is from what I saw on the manifest.