

Witness—I think so, sir. It has not injured it, certainly.

Mr. Garrett—Have you found parties buy goods from you in preference to purchasing in other cities on account of these differences?

Witness—Parties buy domestic goods from us that are manufactured in the East, in Providence and at other points, and they are on sale in New York and Philadelphia; and we sell them likewise to parties who buy in New York and Philadelphia.

Mr. Garrett—Have you any information of the effects of this policy upon other classes of trade in Baltimore?

Witness—I have had conversation with some of the most intelligent men in the city of Baltimore, in regard to the coffee business.

Mr. Dennis—The witness must speak of his own knowledge.

Mr. Garrett—You desire to confine his testimony to his own specific business.

Question—So far as the dry goods business of Baltimore is concerned, from your own knowledge of its effects, the policy of the Baltimore and Ohio Company is favorable and satisfactory to your trade?

Witness—This very day, one of the most intelligent merchants in Cincinnati made a bill with us—made a purchase of eastern goods—goods manufactured beyond New York. He is going to New York and Philadelphia, and I don't know but he goes to Boston. He made a purchase of these eastern goods of us, which I think is sufficient evidence to me that there is no discrimination against us, and I think a fair inference is, that it is in our favor.

The Chairman—Did he buy the goods in consequence of their superiority, or in consequence of any advantage in shipping?

Witness—I merely tell you the fact. He had the goods at a cheaper rate of freight.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know of your own personal knowledge the difference between the freight of goods from Baltimore to Philadelphia, New York and Boston?

Witness—To the best of my recollection, they were stated by the previous witness, a difference of some 22 cents on one class of goods.

Mr. Vickers—Have you any knowledge of shipments yourself?

Witness—I do not ship any from New York.

Mr. Vickers—You spoke of a sale to-day. Is it anything uncommon with you to sell goods made or manufactured in the east?

Witness—By no means, sir, by no means; I only mentioned the fact.