

Mr. Garrett—Do you find this system of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad discriminating in favor of your trade—favorable to your business.

Witness—I conceive it to be so, very decidedly.

Mr. Garrett—Is this difference in the rate of freight a leading element in deciding the western merchant as to what city he will purchase his coffee in?

Witness—Always. A cent a bag often makes a difference in their action. They take into account every fraction.

Mr. Garrett—Has any coffee been imported from Brazil by New York owners, and on this account been ordered to Baltimore?

Witness—I think there have been several cargoes.

Mr. Garrett—Was the governing reason for such a change of destination the fact of the superior facilities and lower freights afforded by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in transportation west?

Witness—That I am not able to say—we do not know the motive—perhaps a higher price, a better market, or the prospect of quicker sales; or, probably, on account of the facilities afforded for getting the articles to the west at lower rates.

Mr. Garrett—Is your business confined exclusively to coffee?

Witness—Pretty much so.

Mr. Garrett—In any other articles in which you transact business, what is the policy of the company with regard to discrimination?

Witness—I find the same system of discrimination prevails in favor of Baltimore.

Mr. Vickers—You speak of a cargo of coffee having changed its destination from New York to Baltimore. Have you known the reverse to take place?

Witness—I cannot say that I have.

Mr. Vickers—The difference in the cost of transportation from Baltimore to the West, and New York to the West is a very small matter.

Witness—It is a very important matter. A buyer of a large lot of coffee will often stop for half a cent a bag.

Mr. Vickers—You have been familiar with the coffee market for fifteen or twenty years. Were you familiar with the business of 1843?

Mr. Garrett—Is that within the period to which the Committee's rule restricts us?

Mr. Vickers—The gentleman says the coffee trade has increased. I want to show that the reverse is the case.

Mr. Garrett—Mr. Chairman, I submit that if the examination is to be confined within the period heretofore decided, I am willing, but if it is preferred to open the subject, go into