

Mr. Vickers—Have there ever been complaints that goods had any advantage by being shipped from New York at the same price as from Baltimore?

Witness—No.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know anything of the shipments of goods during the contest?

Witness—I know that goods were shipped at that time at any price, and indeed almost at no price.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know how long that contest lasted?

Witness—I cannot tell you.

Mr. Vickers—During that time goods were shipped at any price?

Witness—You could go to the agent and make any bargain you pleased for shipment.

Mr. Vickers—During that contest, were the goods charged at as high a rate in the New York markets as they were in the Baltimore markets?

Witness—There were a great many goods that were sold in all markets at the same price.

Mr. Vickers—Is it within your knowledge of any great depression in your trade during the year 1858?

Witness—I was not in business then.

*A. A. Chapman* called and sworn:

Mr. Garrett—Please state your business?

Witness—I am in the mercantile business.

Mr. Garrett—Engaged in what department of trade?

Witness—In the importation of coffee principally.

Mr. Garrett—What is your knowledge of the policy of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in connection with discrimination in favor of, or against the department of trade with which you are connected?

Witness—So far as that policy has connection with our business (particularly the coffee trade,) it has had a beneficial effect. It has enabled us to sell a great deal of coffee which we would not otherwise have sold. It has had a beneficial effect upon the trade so far as increasing it, and bringing persons here that were not in the habit of making their purchases in our market. New trade has been brought to Baltimore.

Mr. Garrett—To what extent?

Witness—I cannot tell exactly.

Mr. Garrett—Are you aware of the present rate of difference from Cincinnati to Baltimore, or points on the Ohio generally, on flour, as compared with the rates to New York.

Witness—From 20 to 25 cents per bbl. I think.

Mr. Garrett—Will you state what difference at present exists in the rate of transportation on coffee from New York and from Baltimore respectively?

Witness—10 cents per 100 lbs. to Cincinnati.