

## EVIDENCE

## Taken before the Committee on Corporations.

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ANNAPOLIS, MD., FRIDAY, February 10, 1860.

The Committee on Corporations of the House of Delegates, of the Legislature of Maryland, met at 8 o'clock, in the Hall of the House, for the purpose of investigating the alleged frauds in the passage of the City Passenger Railway Ordinance, of the city of Baltimore.

Ex-Gov. Pratt, J. Mason Campbell, Thomas S. Alexander, and Wm. Pinckney White, appeared as counsel for Messrs. Brock & Co.

James L. Blackistone appeared for Messrs. Mankin & Carter.

*Mr. Campbell* stated that they had engaged an experienced stenographer to come and report verbatim every thing that was said by the witnesses in relation to this matter. They would place the stenographer at the service of the Committee, and suggested that he be sworn.

*Mr. Goldsborough*, the Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee accepted the services of the stenographer, and he would act as the stenographer of the Committee.

*Wm. Blair Lord*, of New York city, was then sworn as the stenographer of the Committee, to take down accurately the questions and answers in this examination.

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*Wm. L. Montague*, called and sworn. Examined by the *Chairman*.

Question. Were you a member of the City Council of Baltimore at the time the ordinance called the Travers Ordinance was passed?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Of which Branch were you a member?

Answer. Of the first, or lower branch.

Question. Will you state to the Committee all the knowledge you have of the means by which that ordinance was obtained? Whether there was any undue means used for that purpose or not?

Answer. I was not in the confidence of the parties who were pressing that bill before the City Council, and as a matter of course they never communicated to me any of the means employed to secure the grant. I had my own opinions upon the subject, and as Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Council to investigate the alleged frauds in the matter, I endeavored to get at the facts