

and that it can be proved by his own admissions that he was connected with this very thing.

Mr. Gordon.—Produce those witnesses and we will hear them.

Mr. Blakistone.—It is only a question of time. But the only question raised seems to be whether it was before or after the transfer. If it was before, it is testimony, and the parties stand convicted; but as it is afterwards, my worthy friends avail themselves of the technicality and ask to rule it out.

The Chairman.—Have you any question to propose?

Mr. Blakistone.—Do you rule that question out of order?

The Chairman.—What was your question?

Mr. Blakistone.—I asked Mr. Montague if he had any conversation with Mr. Browning, and if so, to state what it was—what he said in regard to his having been paid, and what he knows in regard to the transfer.

Mr. Gordon.—When was that conversation, before or since the transfer?

Mr. Blakistone.—It was since the transfer.

Mr. Gordon.—Where is Mr. Browning?

The Witness.—He is sitting here in the room.

Gov. Pratt.—He is a witness summoned.

Mr. Gordon.—Then he can answer that question himself.

Mr. Blakistone.—We will call him at the proper time, when we want him.

Robert A. McAllister. called and sworn.

By the Chairman.—*Q.*—Were you living in Baltimore at the time this ordinance, called the Travers Ordinance, was passed by the City Council?

Answer. I was.

Question. Do you know the parties who obtained that grant from the City Council?

Answer. I believe I know all personally.

By Mr. Gordon.—*Q.*—Do you know whether that grant was obtained for their own benefit, or for the benefit of other parties?

Answer. I derive the information I have got of that matter from Mr. Brock himself.

Mr. Gordon.—That would be evidence.

By Mr. Blakistone.—*Q.*—Had you a conversation with Jonathan Brock in relation to the grant of the City Passenger Railway from the City Council?

Answer. I had, in the presence of the Baltimore delegation, or some five or six of that delegation.

Question. When was that?

Answer. About two weeks ago to-night.

Question. What members of the Baltimore delegation were present?

Answer. Messrs. Turner, Gould, Berry, Dennison, Kraft. I do not know whether Mr. Smith was there or not—but those five gentlemen were.

Question. Was the conversation in relation to the grant of the city railway?

Answer. Yes, sir. Mr. Brock was anxious to have an interview with the delegation, in consequence of various rumors that had got to his ears about the case. In the course of the conversation I told Mr. Brock that there had been various statements about corruption in this matter, and I wanted to know the facts of the case; that I had no personal feeling in the matter, but I would not vote to give him a charter to that road unless he showed a clean sheet. I asked him the question distinctly if he paid the grantees of the road any thing for the use of their names, and he stated distinctly that he had paid them \$2,500. I said to him, "If you will reduce to writing not only what you paid them, but all other parties connected with this concern, so that the world can know who were the guilty ones in the matter, I will vote for your charter. He said, "I must decline that; if they choose to be the authors of their own infamy they can do so." That was stated in the presence of those persons I have named.

By Mr. Gordon.—*Q.*—Did he tell you how he had used the names of