

these grantees? Was it in procuring the grant from the Mayor and Councilmen of the city of Baltimore?

Answer. It came up in the way of conversation how he was to be remunerated for his outlay. And I think it was Mr. Dennison who suggested the propriety of paying him the amount of his outlay and 10 per cent. on the capital. He stated that he had made use of a great deal more money than that. I said that was just what I wanted to get at, and if he would give a statement all about it it might change my mind, but I could not vote for the charter in the present state of affairs. That led to the expression I have referred to.

Question. Did he state about any other use of money?

Answer. I said to him: "I have a friend connected with that grant; he is a neighbor of mine, and he has denied ever having received any thing for that. I now put the question to you in regard to it. Did you not pay Mr. Cathcart \$500, and did you give him the cash or promise it to him?" He said: "I paid him \$500 in cash for the use of his name in that bill."

Question. Were any members of the Council connected with that thing that you know? Did they receive any money?

Answer. That I do not know; I had various interviews with some of the grantees about this matter, some two weeks before I came to Annapolis.

By *Mr. Alexander*.—*Q.*—Before or after the assignment?

Answer. It was after the assignment that I had the conversation with Mr. Travers and Mr. Browning.

By *Mr. Gordon*.—They are here to speak for themselves.

Answer. I do not wish to state any thing I ought not to state. I have no prejudice whatever in the matter. All I want to know is the facts, and then I shall be prepared to act as a member of the House.

Question. Did any members of the City Council become contractors afterwards in the construction of this road under Mr. Brock?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Who were they?

Answer. Mr. Cathcart's brother was one of the contractors with Mr. Shoemaker in making one road. Mr. Beachem, a member of the First Branch, was a contractor for laying the iron.

Question. Was one of the Cathcart's a member of the City Council?

Answer. One of them was one of the grantees, and the other was a member of the Council who voted for the grant.

By *the Chairman*.—*Q.*—What is the name of Mr. Cathcart, the contractor?

Answer. His name is William Cathcart.

By *Mr. Alexander*.—*Q.*—Contractor under Mr. Shoemaker?

Answer. I did not intend to say that. The road passes my door, and that portion of the road was laid by Cathcart and Shoemaker, as contractors under Mr. Brock.

By *Mr. Blakistone*.—*Q.*—Do you know of any other members of the City Council connected with this matter? or the Sergeant-at-Arms, or any thing of that sort?

Answer. Some of the others got contracts to furnish the lumber, and stoning pieces; Mr. Randolph was one, who keeps a lumber yard.

Question. Was he one of the City Council who voted for the bill?

Answer. He was a member from the 3d ward. I never saw him furnish lumber, but I so understood.

Mr. Campbell.—You have no right to state any thing but of your own knowledge.

By *Mr. Gordon*.—*Q.*—Did they lay down the road, and act as contractors in constructing the road?

Answer. The lumber was sent there in wagons from the lumber yards, and, enquiry being made, I was informed by the contractor himself that Mr. Randolph furnished the lumber.