

By *Mr. Gordon*.—*Q*.—Your statement of those facts would not be evidence. Have you that testimony?

Answer. I have the proceedings of the Committee.

*Mr. Whyte*.—That evidence before the Committee was not taken under oath.

*Gov. Pratt*.—Those proceedings would not be evidence, because the parties were not examined under oath. Besides, some of those parties are here, and they are the best parties to speak.

*Mr. Gordon*.—The Committee would only use those proceedings as a means of directing us in what direction to look for evidence, as a lawyer would use a witness in a case, he would call the witnesses themselves and examine them.

By *Mr. Blakistone*.—*Q*.—Do you know any members of the City Council who voted for that bill, who were afterwards contractors upon the line of the road?

Answer. Yes sir.

Question. Who were they?

Answer. William H. Cathcart, Silas Beachem and John W. Randolph.

Question. Were there any others who had other contracts to furnish iron, or lumber, or other materials?

Answer. I cannot at this moment recollect the names of any others, but those three names I recollect distinctly.

*George R. Berry*, called and sworn.

By *Mr. Blakistone*.—*Q*.—Were you present at the Convention alluded to by *Mr. McAllister*?

Answer. I was.

Question. Will you state your recollection of that Convention?

Answer. *Mr. McAllister* has given it much more explicitly than I could, and as near the fact as I can recollect. Precisely what he said, according to my recollection, took place in the room. After the conversation was over I had a few words with *Mr. Brock*. I was lying on the bed; there were six or seven in the room. I said: "Mr. Brock, there appears to be a great deal of corruption in this matter; that is not a matter that would influence my vote; I would not blame you for buying the city of Baltimore if you could do it; but I blame you for not opening the books for subscription." He said he was anxious to do so, and tried to do so; but he was advised by his counsel not to do it—that it was illegal. He said *Mr. Schley* and *Mr. Campbell*, I think, gave that opinion. I asked him if he could get that opinion in writing, and said that it would have great weight with me. He said a few nights ago that he could get it.

*Mr. Campbell*.—That is the fact. It was under our advice that the books were not opened. I proposed to *Mr. Swann* that if he had any doubt about it, he better himself make an application for a mandamus to have the book opened, and in that way he could have the question tested before the time expired.

By *Mr. Blakistone*.—[To Witness.] *Q*.—Your statement, then, is the same as *Mr. McAllister's*?

Answer. Yes, sir; exactly.

*Thomas Gould*, called and sworn.

By *Mr. Blakistone*.—*Q*.—Were you present at the conversation referred to by *Mr. McAllister*?

Answer. I was.

Question. What is your recollection of that conversation?

Answer. That which you have heard stated here I acknowledge to be the true facts of the case. I heard the conversation, and I could not add any thing to, or take any thing from what has been here stated.

*Mr. Campbell*. Let the witness himself state what he heard.

*Mr. Gordon*. Question. Will you state your recollection of it?

Answer. I heard *Mr. McAllister* ask *Brock* the question in relation to the five grantees of this road, whether he paid them any money for the grant or