

and probably on account of the death of one of the grantees. It was thought that it would not be fair to involve the capitalists in any difficulties on that account, and the assignment was made.

Question. Do I understand you to say that there was really no valuable consideration given?

Answer. I received after the assignment, but in no consideration whatever of the assignment, the sum of \$500 for services. I prepared the papers, negotiated with the omnibus proprietors, &c. I did not consider that what I received was in consideration for the assignment. And I will further state, as evidence of that fact, that after the passage of this ordinance I was visited by different parties from different sections of the country, and we had an offer of \$150,000 for this grant, which we declined on account of the fact that from the beginning it was understood that the capital was to come from the city of Philadelphia, and it would have been in violation of that understanding to have sold it to any one.

Question. To any others?

Answer. To any one.

Question. The grant, then, was not in fact for Baltimoreans, but for Philadelphia capitalists?

Answer. The Philadelphia capitalists were to furnish the principal, but we were to have the control and the management of the contracting and operation of the road.

Question. And it was in that view that the grant was made?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Was Mr. Brock connected with the parties, or was he one party?

Answer. He was one of the parties to whom the assignment was made.

Question. Was he one of the parties who were to furnish this capital?

Answer. I presume he was. He was a party introduced to me as one of them.

Question. By whom was he introduced to you?

Answer. I really do not remember.

By *Mr. Gordon*. Question. Did Mr. Wood tell you who the parties were?

Answer. He did not tell me by name.

Question. Did you know at the time the grant was made that Mr. Brock was to be one of the parties?

Answer. I did not know that he was to be one of the grantees by name. I had every reason to believe they were to be parties.

Question. How soon after the passage of the ordinance did you become acquainted with Mr. Brock and these other gentlemen?

Answer. I think it was two or three days afterwards.

Question. How soon after that was the grant made?

Answer. The assignment was made about that time, three or four days afterwards.

By *Mr. Blakistone*. Question. Were they, or not, introduced to you as the parties referred to by Mr. Wood?

Answer. I so understood.

Question. In fact that the grant was procured for them?

Answer. Yes, sir.

By *Mr. Gordon*. Question. Was that said in their presence?

Answer. I did not mean to be understood so.

Question. Did they understand it from what occurred?

Answer. I suppose so.

By *Mr. Blakistone*. Question. You have no knowledge of any sum of money agreed to be paid by Brock & Co., for the assignment?

Answer. I speak of my own connection with the matter. What the other grantees understood, I do not know.

Question. Have you, or not, heard from these grantees that there was a sum of money to be paid by Mr. Brock for the use of their names?