

Question. Any others?

Answer. That is all I heard of.

Question. Is Mr. Durham here?

Answer. I do not know. I wish to make an explanation if you will allow me to do so; an explanation of a personal nature in connection with the subscription book which has been referred to as having been taken to the Baltimore Penitentiary. We advertised that the books would be opened certain hours of the day. They were closed promptly at the time, and after they were closed there was a rush made, as I understood by the subscribers of the stock, to get possession of the book. I had heard, anterior to the time, that there would be an organization upon the spot by the subscribers, and that a demand would be made upon the grantees for the books. And I supposed that this movement towards the clerk for possession of the books was in pursuance of this plan. The clerk came out of the back room and handed me the book, and while it was in my possession it was taken out of my hands by a party who was afterwards discovered to be connected with the Baltimore Penitentiary.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Who was that person?

Answer. Mr. Dorothy, clerk of the Baltimore Penitentiary. I knew of no design at all on the part of any body to take these books from the office until this occurred. This explanation becomes necessary to me, because it was charged in the public prints that there was complicity between myself and the parties who abstracted the books.

Question. Was the book forcibly taken from you?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. What became of them?

Answer. The party having been seen upon the steps in his retreat, and being recognized as the clerk of the Penitentiary, I immediately insisted upon accompanying some gentlemen, appointed on the part of the subscribers, to the Penitentiary to procure the book. We did so, and I suppose that in half an hour after the book was taken we found the clerk, and the book was recovered.

Question. This person took the subscription book to the Penitentiary?

Answer. He took it out of the room, but I do not know whether he took it to the Penitentiary or not.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Do you know John Patrick?

Answer. By reputation.

Question. Is he a man of wealth?

Answer. I think not.

By the *Chairman*. Question: Who is Mr. Graff?

Answer. He is a liquor dealer of the city of Baltimore.

Question. Is he a man of means?

Answer. I cannot say positively. I do not think he is reputed to be a man of wealth.

Question. Has he the reputation of being a man of moderate wealth?

Answer. I know but little of his reputation. I do not think he is considered to be a wealthy man.

Question. Are you acquainted with the pecuniary condition of the greater portion of the subscribers to this stock?

Answer. I think I know a great many of them, but I do not recollect all their names.

Question. Speak in general terms?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Do you hold that any portion of them are responsible men—peculiarly so?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. You think a portion of them are men who would pay up their subscriptions?

Answer. I have no doubt about that.