

Question. Who was ?

Answer. Mr. Shoemaker.

By the *Chairman*. Question. I understand that this bond given by the assignees to the grantees was to secure to the grantees the right to make all contracts for constructing this road and to appoint all the officers of the road, with the exception of the treasurer. Will you state to the Committee whether the obligation has been fulfilled, whether you did make the contracts, &c. ?

Answer. I will state in that connection that the company and grantees advertised for proposals for contracts.

Question. Were they to be sealed proposals ?

Answer. Yes, sir ; and a meeting of the grantees was held, in conjunction with the assignees, at the rooms of the company, and the proposals were there opened in their presence, and the contracts were awarded in that way.

Question. To the lowest bidder ?

Answer. I suppose so ; I was not present ; I was sick.

Question. Who were present ?

Answer. I understood that all but myself were present.

Question. You advertised with specifications for contracts appertaining to the building of the road ?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. And the contracts were made accordingly ?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. You are not aware that the contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder or not ?

Answer. I do not know ; I did not see them.

Question. Have the grantees officered the road ?

Answer. In part. I believe no request has yet been made that has not been fulfilled. The conductors have usually been appointed by the grantees. The chief desire on the part of the original grantees was to have the road officered by citizens of Baltimore, and that has been done, I think, in every single instance.

By Mr. *Alexander*. Question. The conduct of the assignees has met the approval of the grantees, has it ?

Answer. Yes, sir, I think so. The object on the part of the grantees was to secure the appointment of citizens of Baltimore, and I think that has been done in most instances.

By the *Chairman*. Question. I understand the bond was to satisfy the citizens of Baltimore in regard to the management of the road ?

Answer. I understood that to be your question, and I answered it as I did. As far as I know, the conditions of that bond, viz : that citizens of Baltimore should be employed upon that road, has been carried out with the exception of the concession made in the bond itself, that the treasurer of the company should be appointed by the assignees.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Have these gentlemen performed the work on that road in an expeditious manner ?

Answer. I do not believe that it would be possible to build a road in a more expeditious or a more complete manner, than this one has been built ; for it has been remarked by the citizens of Baltimore, both in regard to the brevity of the time and the character of the construction.

Question. The assignment was made in April, was it not ?

Answer. I think so.

Question. At what time were the cars running upon the road, and upon how much of it ?

Answer. I am not sure ; I do not know as my memory serves me, but, my opinion is, that the cars were running by the first of June.

Gov. *Pratt*. The first of August.

Mr. *Alexander*. We were interrupted by an injunction for a part of the time.