

there not a bill before the Council with the names of Mr. Barnum, Mr. Brooks and others, as corporators?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. What was the amount of fare proposed in that bill?

Answer. Five cents.

Question. Was any portion of that five cents to be given to the city for works of ornament, or anything of the kind?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. It was all to go to the Company?

Answer. Yes, sir, with the exception of the tax upon the cars.

Question. Was the same tax imposed upon the Brock Company as upon the others?

Answer. Not quite so much as upon the others. This Barnum and others had sent three or four bills to the Council, and it is utterly impossible to answer your inquiries about one of these bills without connecting them altogether.

Question. Was the tariff named in all the Barnum bills five cents?

Answer. Yes, sir, until after my four-cent bill was offered.

Question. What was the tariff then proposed?

Answer. Three cents—at least they proposed to alter the bill they had then, and make it three cents.

Question. Did you not consider Barnum, Brooks, and party perfectly responsible for any contract they would ask at the hands of the City Council?

Answer. I did; Barnum, Brooks, and Owings Hoffman, certainly.

Question. Was not their character, capital and material, enough for that?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. State the reasons why you went against the three cent bill and voted for the five cent bill. As to the provision for a park in the city of Baltimore I look upon that as a tax taken from people very illy able to bear it, and as a very objectionable feature?

Answer. I will have to give a history of the legislation in connection with the bill. There were a number of bills before the Council, and they were sent to the committee on Highways, without being read, as a general thing; I paid very little attention to their character.

Question. Who were the committee on Highways?

Answer. I do not recollect; Mr. Silas Beachem was one of them. He is dead now.

By *Mr. Gordon*. Question. Did Mr. Beachem afterwards become one of the contractors of the road?

Answer. Yes, sir.

By *the Chairman*. Question. Those bills went into the hands of the committee on Highways of the First Branch?

Answer. Yes, sir; the committee on Highways, however, in the City Council, is a Joint committee.

Question. The bills went before the committee of each Branch as a joint committee?

Answer. Yes, sir; the committee of one branch met with the committee of the other, and the two acted as a joint committee. These bills