

ond Branch. There were so many bills there I cannot remember when this was there.

Question. When you voted for a five cent bill you knew there was a three cent bill?

Answer. I did, most certainly.

Question. State why you voted to charge the citizens of Baltimore five cents instead of three?

Answer. I had examined into the matter of railroads in Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and had been told that some of the roads were making large sums of money and others were losing money. I was satisfied, from all that I had seen, that a four cent bill struck the right point.

Question. We have had this explanation already. Why did you vote for five cents instead of three?

Answer. The reason I voted that way was, that I believed that if the three cent bill was carried, and the parties built the road, they would so demonstrate to the Legislature when they applied for their charter, that they would lose money at three cents, and they would have it made five cents. I was satisfied that if I voted for the three cent bill, and it passed, we would have a five cent bill in the end, and no park provided for, and so I voted against it. I did not believe it was a fair and honest effort to carry it out, because I did not believe it could be carried out. I only looked upon that bill as having been offered to defeat the other bill, that was all.

Question. Suppose that the three cent bill had been offered to defeat the other bill, and you had passed it, and the Legislature of Maryland had granted a charter allowing them to charge five cents, where would be the preference for the present bill?

Answer. On account of the one-fifth reserved to the city for the purpose of a park; that would have been lost sight of altogether.

Question. There is no certainty that the Legislature will retain that in. Why not speculate one way or the other?

Answer. I have always tried to do pretty much the same for the city as I would do for myself. If I had come to the conclusion in my own business that it would cost \$20,000 to build me a house as I wanted it, and three or four persons came along, no matter how responsible they were, and one of them offered to do it for \$10,000, I would not give it to them.

Question. You are more magnanimous than the rest of mankind?

Answer. No, sir, not that; there is no magnanimity about it. But I never knew a case of the kind but what the party going out of the direct way got into trouble.

Question. You knew where the capital was to come from when you voted for the four cent bill, and where the profits were to go?

Answer. Yes, sir, and I preferred it to go there?

Question. Why?

Answer. Because I wanted all the capital we could get from other cities to come to Baltimore.

By Mr. Gordon. Question. What would you do with Baltimore capital? Send it away?