

Question. Did you receive, or was any promise made to you, or to any member of the City Council, by Mr. Brock, or any of his associates, any consideration for a vote upon their bill?

Answer. No, sir, nor by any one else, either.

*Thomas H. Gardiner*, called and sworn.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Were you or not interested in the passage of the bill, in the City Council of Baltimore, known as the Travers bill?

Answer. I was interested in it in a certain way. The gentlemen named in that bill as corporators were friends of mine. I had no more direct interest than that in the passage of the ordinance.

Question. Have you or not had a subsequent interest in it?

Answer. I have.

Question. Had you any promise or expectation, at the time the grant was pending, of receiving this subsequent interest?

Answer. I did believe that if the bill passed, I would have some subsequent interest, but what it would be, I did not know. I supposed, knowing the gentlemen to be friends of mine, that, if this passed, I would have this contingent interest.

Question. When did you first meet Mr. Brock?

Answer. In the city of Baltimore, he was introduced to me, and stated that he had been largely interested in railroad matters, and had an interest in several grants in other cities; that he had understood that it was likely we would pass a railroad bill in the City Council, and would like to get some interest in some bill that might pass. I said, I had not examined the question—I did not know what bills were pending before the Council, but I would enquire and let him know.

Question. When was that?

Answer. That was some time prior to the adoption of the ordinance—a short time.

Question. Did you not see Mr. Brock, in December, 1858, when you accompanied a Committee of the City Council of Baltimore?

Answer. Yes, sir, I saw him for about five minutes at the Girard House, as we passed through Philadelphia, but there was no chance for conversation.

Question. Did you see him afterwards in Philadelphia on your return?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you go to Philadelphia by invitation?

Answer. I accompanied the Committee of the City Council to Boston, to inspect the Alms Houses there. During the latter part of December, 1858, a Committee had been appointed for that purpose, and I went with them on the invitation of Mr. Sumwalt.

Question. Did you or not know, at the time you were advocating this Travers bill before the City Council, that it would be assigned?

Answer. I did not know it; I believed the matter might be assigned. I believed it was possible to obtain these gentlemen to consent to an assignment to these Philadelphia capitalists for whom I was acting indirectly, as these gentlemen, whose names were in the ordinance, were friends of mine, I had no strictly defined notions about the matter. I started the bill, and had it presented to the City Council, but had no strictly defined notions about it.

Question. Did or did not Mr. Brock supervise the formation of the bill?

Answer. No, sir, I drew the bill myself.

Question. Did you or not tell Mr. Travers that if this bill passed it would be assigned to Philadelphia capitalists?

Answer. I have no recollection of having had any conversation with Mr. Travers upon the subject.

Question. Did you witness the signatures of the grantees to the assignment, and at whose request?