

Wood, Mr. Sewall, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Gardiner. This board has the control, as the bond itself says, to make the contracts and see that the provisions of the ordinance are carried out. The five original grantees constitute a majority of a board of nine persons.

By Mr. *Alexander*. Question. All the others, except Mr. Gardiner, being members of the City Council?

Answer. Yes, sir.

By the *Chairman*. Question. Were they not elected by the stockholders?

Answer. There are no stockholders. The bond which the original grantees took from Mr. Brock & Co., and which was the consideration of the transfer of this grant, was to the effect that the original grantees and those other gentlemen should have the control and management of this road, and that the citizens of Baltimore should furnish the materials and labor for its construction and operation.

Question. Now one other question. This bond was given by the assignees to you nine gentlemen?

Answer. No, sir, it was given to the five original grantees.

Question. Then Messrs. Gardiner, Wood, Sewall and Talbot were not included in that bond?

Answer. They were not parties to the bond, though named as directors. The bond was given to the grantees to secure the direction of the road, placing this road under their direction.

Question. And that was to secure the management of this road within the city of Baltimore, and for the benefit of the city of Baltimore?

Answer. Yes, sir.

*Thomas H. Gardiner*, resumed.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Do you know of any person or persons who were employed to prevent or break a meeting of the citizens of Baltimore, advertised to be held in Monument Square, in the month of March, 1859, called to advocate the three cent rate bill?

Answer. No, sir; I am not aware of any parties being employed to break up the meeting. I know a meeting was called just upon the eve of the passage of this ordinance, interested in the bill. In fact, I had been told that the meeting would take place, and they would pass certain resolutions and send them down to the Second Branch of the City Council, to show them that the people of Baltimore were opposed to this ordinance. I saw that they were going to try to take or snap judgment, and I thought it due to call a counter meeting. I prepared that call for a meeting, to take place at the same place, and asked persons to note down the resolutions of this party, and if they failed to do so, to organize a counter meeting and pass counter resolutions.

By the *Chairman*. Question. Do you think it was good policy to call a meeting to assemble upon the ground of a meeting already called, for the purpose of putting down that meeting?

Answer. That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. *Gordon*. That is hardly testimony.

The *Chairman*. I want his opinion.