

Question. He merely supposed him to be in favor of the three cent bill?

Answer. There was no attempt to organize a meeting. There were two or three torches put around the railing, and the crowd assembled around there.

By Mr. Gordon. Question. You say you were not at that meeting at all?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. You say you felt a deep interest in the passage of the bill, and wanted to have any proposition against its passage that might be made at that meeting to vote it down?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Why were you not at the meeting?

Answer. I was at the meeting of the City Council. The Travers bill was pending before the City Council, and I was attending there; the meeting was called to meet before the City Council adjourned.

By Mr. Blakistone. Question. You had no pecuniary interest in this bill?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. And you offered \$100 for what you have stated?

Answer. I do not know as I would have given it. I told the gentleman when he refused that perhaps I could offer a consideration.

Question. Did you or not state that the interest you felt for your friends, and who were named in the bill, prompted you to exert yourself in the matter?

Answer. No, sir; I stated that I had no pecuniary interest in the matter.

By Mr. Alexander. Question. You stated that you expected to have an interest in it?

Answer. Yes, sir, I expected I might.

*William L. Montague*, re-called.

By Mr. Blakistone. Question. Had you any interest, direct or remote, or have you at any time ever had any interest, direct or remote in any city passenger railway in the city of Baltimore?

Answer. I never have had any interest in any proposition before the City Council, either for myself or for any acquaintance.

Question. Will you go on and state all you know in relation to conversations and statements made to you by Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Wood, &c., in your own words?

*Gov Pratt*. For what purpose?

*The Witness*. Will the gentlemen of the Committee allow me to make one solitary statement?

No objection was made.

*The Witness*. I felt disposed last evening to ask the privilege of expressing myself in my own way in relation to this matter. Mr. Wood, on the stand here, attempted to give a statement as to the various stages of the progress of this whole railway matter through the Council, and in that statement he has, whether intentionally or not, I will not stop to inquire, grossly misrepresented me upon the whole question. Now the first proposition, in relation to passenger railways in