

afterwards. The dispatch came on, as having been dated the 10th of April.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. How long had you known Brock before you received this dispatch?

Answer. Some two, or three, or four days before the four cent bill passed.

Question. Was he in Baltimore then?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. When did that ordinance pass?

Answer. On the 28th of March.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Was there any mention of money made in that dispatch?

Answer. No; sir, no possible connection with money. I gave the exact words of it. I think, except perhaps the day which I assumed to be Wednesday.

By Mr. *Turner*. Answer. As a member of the Council, either before or after the passage of the bill, did you know whether there was any consideration in the shape of dollars and cents paid to them—to any member of the Council?

Answer. No sir, so help me God.

By the *Chairman*. Question. Did you ever know of anything made?

Answer. No, sir, never in any shape, way, or form.

Question. Was any such charge made in debate in Council?

Answer. I do not recollect of any such thing. I do not think it could have occurred, because, I think it would have led to an unpleasant scene which would have stamped it upon my memory.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday next.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.,

February 14, 1860.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment, at half past ten o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Pratt called attention to certain letters published in the Baltimore Sun and other papers, which had been handed to the Committee, but had not been admitted as evidence, and inquired by whom they had been communicated to the press. It would appear as if the Committee had furnished them.

The Chairman said it was not so, and he assured the gentleman that he had never read them until he saw them in the papers.

[This matter was subsequently taken up and considered.]

*William F. Browning called and examined by Mr. Hambleton.*

Question. Were you one of the grantees in the City Passenger Railway bill?

Answer. I was; I became connected with it precisely as was stated by my colleague and Mr. Wood.

Question. At whose request did you become so?

Answer. At Mr. Wood's, one of the members of the City Council.

Question. Did you or not become an applicant with others of the City