

Council for this grant with a view to continue a bona fide grantee, at the request and for the interest of another party or parties?

Answer. I became connected with it with a view of carrying out whatever ordinance might be passed by that body.

Question. Who first approached you on the subject?

Answer. Mr. Wood.

Question. What transpired between you and Wood at that time?

Answer. Mr. Wood called at my office and asked me if I had any interest in any of the various projects before the Council. I told him I had not. He asked me if I would allow my name to be used as one of the corporators in such a grant. I said I had no objection provided it would involve me in no trouble or difficulty—that I knew it was an institution that was greatly needed in the city, and would be very happy to see such a thing introduced.

Question. Did you or not at the time you consented to become a grantee intend to do so with a bona fide purpose of continuing so?

Answer. Most assuredly.

Question. Did you or not receive from any one a consideration for the use of your name in the grant?

Answer. No, sir; no other consideration than the obligation on the part of the assignees to carry faithfully and honestly into execution that ordinance, and to serve my friends.

Question. What do you mean by serving your friends?

Answer. I mean, allowing by name to be used for the purpose of obtaining the grant or charter.

Question. Do you mean to say you considered it simply as a personal favor at the time?

Answer. I will state at the outset, that I distinctly understood, not having the capital myself, that parties residing in Philadelphia, whom I did not know and whom I did not care to know—were to furnish the capital to build the road and carry out the ordinance.

Question. Who told you that the capital would be furnished?

Answer. Mr. Wood.

Question. Did he mention any names?

Answer. None.

Question. Any amount?

Answer. No amount.

Question. Did you or not know, at the time you consented to the use of your name that it was intended the bill should favor parties in Philadelphia?

Answer. I did not. I think the very first article of that ordinance declares that we or our associates were to have it. All I was concerned about was how we were to be furnished with the money. I did not wish to be placed in a false position before the public, in carrying the thing into operation.

Question. Did you ask Mr. Wood whether the ordinance would be backed by sufficient capital?

Answer. I did.

Question. What was his response?

Answer. He said there would be no difficulty or trouble about that.

Question. Did he or not specify a company from Philadelphia?

Answer. I understood from the commencement that the capital was to come from there; that was a fact we never disguised.

Question. State whether or not at the time of the application there were any other persons secretly understood as participants in, or in any way connected with it besides the gentlemen named in the grant.

Answer. I had no knowledge of the framing of the bill—never read a line of it till after it was presented to us for acceptance.

Question. Did you know whether any body else was to join you in the grant?