

Answer. No, sir; most positively no.

Question. Then you considered at the time of the passage of the grant that it was to the parties named exclusively?

Answer. Entirely so, with the right on our part to associate whom we pleased to furnish the means to carry it out.

Question. Who suggested that right?

Answer. It carried with it its own suggestion, because we had not the means to do it, and must be associated with those who had.

Question. Who do you mean by we?

Answer. The gentlemen, more particularly Mr. Travers and myself. Some of the grantees I did not see or know till after the grant was made.

Question.—Did you or not know at the time, whether the grantees were able to build the road?

Answer. I knew I was not able.

Question. Did you know any one by name who was able to build it, who would be associated with you?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you know that in the first clause of the bill, after your names, these words were inserted—"and those who are now or may be associated with them or their assigns"?

Answer. I did—and that is the light in which we carried out the ordinance.

Question. Who showed you the bill?

Answer. I think the first sight I had of it was after it had been lying on the desk of the members of the Council some days.

Question. Do you know who first called your attention to it?

Answer. I have no recollection, I think I thought of it myself.

Question. Did you not consult any one as to the meaning of that clause?

Answer. No, sir: I was satisfied in my own mind that it carried that power with it, and did not deem it necessary.

Question. Was it or not intended to take in other parties?

Answer. By all means; I say so distinctly.

Question. Did you or not understand that clause as referring to your associates from Philadelphia, or those who were to assist you?

Answer. By all means; but I did not know their names.

Question. You heard the capital was to come from Philadelphia?

Answer. I did.

Question. Did you contemplate the assignment of it to any body?

Answer. I surely knew some one would have to be associated in order to carry it out.

By Mr. Blakistone. Did you consider the association an assignment?

Answer. I did not say so. I say we assigned the bill.

By Mr. Blakistone. Was it necessary to assign the bill to any other persons?

Answer. I think so, decidedly; because the parties wanted guarantees; we wanted guarantees.

Question. Was it a matter of consultation among the grantees—the propriety or absolute necessity of assigning it?

Answer. I do not recollect that there was, any further than I knew we would have to make an assignment or associate the parties to carry it out.

Question. Did each one of you then act on his individual impression or upon an interchange of views?

Answer. I interchanged views with my colleague, Mr. Travers, who was a neighbor of mine, and with whom I was in daily intercourse.

Question. It was then determined between you and Mr. Travers that it was necessary to have it assigned in order to have it executed.

Answer. Of course.