

Question. I understand you to say that, at the time of the actual transfer of this grant, you had never been a party to it, never had anything to do with Brock & Co., and knew nothing about them; now you say you did meet with the other four grantees and the assignees, and there a discussion took place, and a dispute as to a bond being given?

Answer. I think you misapprehend me; I said that until we met for the purpose of carrying out the arrangement I had never seen one of these citizens.

Question. How long was it before the actual assignment that this conversation took place about the bond?

Answer. Those gentlemen, I think, returned to Philadelphia, and, in the course of a few days, the bond was presented and signed.

Question. How many days?

Answer. I cannot say—some two or three; it was in as short time as could conveniently be done. They came back and presented the articles of association and bond, which we approved, and the arrangement was made.

Question. You spoke of a consideration; what was that consideration at the time of the transfer or assignment?

Answer. It was in the first place, the furnishing of the capital; next, that this ordinance—all the provisions of it as set forth in it—should be faithfully, fully and distinctly carried out. After that assignment had been made, I was presented by the assignees with \$500; but, I wish to state emphatically, that no money was named, and we never considered, either then or at any time, that this was a merchantable article in the market, because we had time and again refused offers from various parties in sums of money, that would show, I think, to the whole community, that the money handed to us was not the consideration for which we made the transfer.

Question. Please state what that \$500 was intended for?

Answer. I can only answer you by saying that I received it as a gratuity from those gentlemen.

Question. What gentlemen—the assignees?

Answer. Brock & Co.

Question. Brock & Co. paid you \$500 without any consideration for it?

Answer. I consider—yes, sir—I consider that the \$500 was a gratuity.

Question. That they gave it to you?

Answer. It was a gift to us. We had been subjected to a good deal of trouble, and some expense—a vast deal of abuse and reproach—and, I suppose, those gentlemen are now strictly carrying out your interest; I suppose we were richly entitled to some consideration.

Question. Then I understand you to say you had never seen Brock, and that he gave you \$500 as a gratuity, for which you gave him no consideration whatever?

Answer. I did not say so; I said the consideration was the furnishing of capital, and carrying out the guaranties in a bond of \$50,000—to carry out the provisions of the ordinances.

Question. What relation had the \$500 to the \$50,000?

Answer. You can put what construction the honorable committee and counsel see fit upon it.

Counsel. To my mind it is not susceptible of a construction without your assistance.

Witness. I considered it a gratuity from these gentlemen.

Question. Did the other grantees get \$500?

Answer. I do not know; they must answer for themselves.

Question. Where did Brock pay you that \$500?

Answer. I think he handed it to me some days after the assignment was made—I think at the American Hotel, where they were stopping.

Question. Was it in money, or a check?