

Answer. It was in money and a check, I think; I think there was a check.

Question. What transpired at the time he gave it—what did he say?

Answer. He did not say a word; I was passing out of the door and he handed me an envelope, and I found that much money in it.

Question. Was there anything in the note except money?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. He handed it to you, and there the matter ended?

Answer. There the matter ended.

Question. Did you expect \$500 from him?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Had you any right to claim it?

Answer. No right; the transfer would have been made without a dollar.

Question. Was he under any obligation whatever to give it to you?

Answer. No further than the obligation he might have felt for this trouble and difficulty, particularly after we had refused very large and tempting offers to make the transfer.

Question. You speak of abuse, state whether or not there was a great deal of abuse, until it was known that there was a transfer made to the Philadelphia parties?

Answer. During the whole progress there was vituperation and abuse, familiar to everybody in Baltimore—before and after the grant.

Question. State what consideration, if any, was fixed upon between you and Brock & Co. for the assignment of that grant—what they were to pay you as grantees?

Answer. They were not to pay a cent—no contract—no arrangement.

Question. State whether you were put to any expense and trouble under that grant?

Answer. Not one dollar. By way of explanation, let me say that I was referred to in the testimony as being seen in the City Council. I beg to say that on one occasion, I happened in the Council rather accidentally, having some other business there, during the progress of this bill, and I was present about half an hour during the discussion. With that exception, I was never there during the progress of that bill, and though I was intimately acquainted with nearly nine-tenths of the members, I never spoke to one of them a word on the subject.

By Mr. *Alexander*. It cost you not one cent?

Answer. Not one cent. I responded to some squibs, and we paid for them out of our own pocket.

By Mr. *Hambleton*. State what induced you, after having expended a little money and being put to some trouble, to assign to a set of strangers in Philadelphia, of whom you knew nothing, this entire grant for no consideration whatever?

Answer. We did it because we had given our words that that ordinance should be carried out, with the hand and pledge of the city of Baltimore—a high obligation; for which we had given a bond of \$100,000, to carry out that ordinance—and it was a great consideration to be furnished with capital to carry it out.

Question. State whether or not, you do not consider, if you had put it up to bid, or proposed to the citizens of Baltimore, they could have furnished the capital or not?

Answer. I have no doubt, if we had been furnished with a charter by this Legislature, and gone before the public, we could have raised money to build the road. I had asked some persons whether it was likely we could raise money, and it appears we were contented with being enabled to do this thing. It was a perfect God-send to us to be furnished with the capital, and I doubt whether we could have raised \$100,000 to build the road.