

Question. Had you any interest whatever in making the proposition?

Objected to—question discussed.

By the Chairman. Did you offer to the editors of the Clipper or promise them any sum of money for their influence in the passage of the Bill?

Answer. I did.

Question. Upon what ground? had you any authority?

Answer. Because we were projecting a bill and thought that through this bill—

By Mr. Pratt. Was it this bill?

Answer. No, sir; this bill had not been named.

By the Chairman. What amount did you offer?

Answer. I offered him \$2,000.

Question. How much did you offer Mr. Bull?

Answer. Two thousand.

Question. And Tuttle?

Answer. The same.

Question. Are these three gentlemen editors and publishers of the Clipper?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. You offered the editors and publishers \$6,000?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. By what authority and for whom did you make that offer, and for what?

Objected to—question discussed.

Mr. Pratt. This question you have a right to put—were you or not authorized by the grantees, by the assignees, or by any member of the City Council to offer this money?

The Chairman. That is the question.

Witness. No, sir, I was not. There was a great deal said at the time about rail roads, and a great many of the citizens were getting up projects simply for the purpose of speculation. I had a conversation with some Baltimore men, and was led to believe there was a speculation in it. I afterwards had a conversation with Mr. Gardiner, who told me he had a bill getting up, and as a friend of his, I entered in with him, in order to help his bill. This was before the names of the grantees were put in, or the bill framed. I then offered Mr. Whitely, Mr. Bull, and Mr. Tuttle these sums of money, and told Gardiner I had done it, and he said it should not be done—that he would not give it to them; and he afterwards met Whitely, and denied having anything to do with it.

By Mr. Hambleton. Before you made the proposition to Whitely, had you any conversation with Gardiner in relation to the proposition?

Answer. I had. He said the bill might prove of interest to us if we got it through.

Question. To whom?

Answer. Might be to me; he did not know; but I entered in with him; I thought it would be proper to give Bull & Tuttle an offer, and did so; Whitely refused it because he had \$80,000 in another bill.

By the Committee. Did Gardiner tell you he expected to be remunerated for his interest in the bill?

Answer. No, sir. I had no idea, except I thought it would prove an interest to us to get the bill through.

By Mr. Hambleton. By what authority did you fix the sum of \$2,000 a piece?

Objected to.

Question. You state you had a conversation with Gardiner before you made that offer to Whitely; state what that conversation was?

Answer. Gardiner told me he was getting up a bill. I told him I had