

Question. State whether or not, in your opinion, if Mr. Whiteley had been so corrupt as to accept your proposition, and Mr. McPhail?

Objected to.

Question. State whether or not, if these parties had accepted the offer, they would have been paid?

Objected to.

Question. Had you any conversation with any other members of the City Council in relation to this matter, than Mr. McPhail?

Answer. I had conversations with many members?

Question. Had you with Mr. Sewall?

Answer. I had; he was a friend of the bill.

Question. What was that conversation?

Answer. Mr. Sewall told me he believed the bill to be the best one; that the friends of it were friends of his, and that he had no further interest in it than to advance it because of its being a good one, and to help his friends.

Question. What brought that matter out?—did you propound any such question to him?

Answer. That has been his general conversation to me in regard to the bill.

Question. Did he voluntarily state to you that he was not interested in the matter?

Answer. He told me he would have no return. He is a man of sufficient wealth to do without anything of that kind. He said if he did not believe it to be the best bill, he would vote against it.

Question. Where did the conversation with Gardiner take place?

Answer. In his office, I believe.

Question. Was any one else present; if so, who?

Answer. There were several present.

Question. When you made the proposition of \$2,000 to Messrs. Bull, Tuttle, and Whiteley, did you then know where the money was to come from?

Answer. I did not. Whiteley told me afterwards that he knew where it was to come from. I told him he might know more of it than I.

Question. You did not know then where the money was to come from, but you felt authorized to make the proposition?

Answer. I did make it.

By Mr. *Alexander*. Did you feel authorized?

Answer. No, sir, I did not.

Mr. *Alexander*. He stated three times that he made it on his own responsibility.

*Witness*. I thought I could get it through Gardiner, but he afterwards told me he had not authorized me to do it.

By Mr. *Hambleton*. You thought you could get this \$6,000 from Gardiner; why did you presume so?

Answer. I thought there was a great deal of money in the different bills.

Question. For what reason?

Answer. Wm. Alexander had given me to understand I would be freely rewarded for my services, and I thought there would be so much that I could get a little more out of it.

By a member of the Committee. What bill was Mr. Alexander interested in?

Answer. In the Barnum bill.

Question. What reason had you for believing that Gardiner would be able to raise that money?

Answer. That I cannot answer.

Question. You say you believed he would be able to pay the \$6,000?