

By the *Chairman*. You have said you were offered stock by the Carter bill, and contracts by the Brooks bill, did any one offer you anything by the Brock influence?

Answer. Not a dollar.

Question. Neither directly or indirectly?

Answer. No, sir.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Did you ever threaten Carter that you would expose him, if he stated any facts connected with you, in the Superior Council?

Answer. I did expose him in the Superior Council, because he called in question the character of members; I stated what Carter had offered me, (I did not say anything about any body else,) because I thought it came with a bad grace for a man who had tried to influence me to try to injure my reputation.

Question. What did you state to the Superior Council?

Answer. That he offered me \$3,000 worth of stock for my support to the bill.

Lawrence Sangston was sworn for the purpose of making a personal explanation in reference to the publication of the letters spoken of by the counsel at the commencement of to-day's proceedings. He said:

Those letters were published by me. I furnished them to the papers for the Monday's edition. They had been in my pocket some time, but I did not feel authorized to make any use of them till Saturday last. On Saturday prior to leaving the city of Annapolis, I saw Mr. Gordon, and stated to him that I had copies of them in my possession, and asked him if there would be any impropriety in making them public. He said he could see no impropriety in it, that the letters were in the hands of the Committee, and I could make any disposition of them I thought proper. Accordingly, believing them to be of some interest to the people of Maryland, as well as the members of the Legislature, on my return to Baltimore I furnished them to the daily papers. The remarks prefixed to them in those papers I am not responsible for. I merely handed them to the papers, saying that they were at their service, to be published entire, or in any form they chose.

By Mr. *Pratt*. When did you first get those letters?

Answer. One day last week.

Question. From whom?

Answer. From Wm. T. Walters, of Baltimore.

Question. You didn't know how they were procured?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Do you know they are genuine?

Answer. I do not.

Question. Those are copies that you thought public opinion in Maryland required to be published, without knowing whether the signatures were genuine?

Answer. These copies were not given to me by Walters for publication. I took it for granted that they were genuine; I have no doubt they are.

Question. Didn't you show them to any body here before you had them published?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Did you not circulate and talk of them and of the people as abolitionists, who were spoken of in the letters?

Answer. I may have spoken of them; I am not in the habit of speaking with members of the Legislature; I do not think I have exchanged words with five members.

Question. Have you not spoken to others, by which this report got out and you designed it to get out, that the people whom you were opposing were abolitionists?