

Answer. I might have made use of that remark.

Question. Did you not intend it to go out that they were such?

Answer. I cannot say what my special intentions were. Those letters were sent down early last week.

Question. By whom?

Answer. I do not know; when I came here on Thursday, the originals were here, and were a matter of common conversation. How they obtained publicity before my arrival here, I do not know.

Question. Then you showed them around and called our people abolitionists, and said: "See what these abolitionists are asking for?"

Answer. I may have shown the contents of them.

Question. And you did not know they were genuine?

Answer. I have every reason to believe they were?

Question. What reason? The fact that Mr. Walters gave you copies of them?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. That is the only reason?

Answer. If they are not, there are the originals.

Question. Are the originals genuine?

Answer. I do not know, I was not present in Philadelphia when they were written.

Question. Do you know they were?

Answer. By general reputation, just as I know many men in public positions.

Question. You had no personal acquaintance with them.

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Walters went to Philadelphia for these letters and brought them here?

Answer. I believe he brought them.

Question. Is he or not a director in the Northern Central Railroad?

Answer. I do not know; my impression is I have seen his name among the directors.

Question. You do not know that he was placed there by Simon Cameron?

Answer. Never-heard of it.

Question. And that he is the agent of Cameron, by which he may be enabled to get a bill through here?

Answer. I never heard of it; never spoke five words to Walters except in pure business matters.

Question. You never talked with him about the letters?

Answer. Never, except on the single occasion, when he gave me the copies.

Question. Did he tell you how he got them?

Answer. He said they were copies of letters which had come from Philadelphia.

Question. Don't you know that Cameron has control of that road of which this gentleman is a director?

Answer. No, sir.

The *Chairman*. It is not evidence.

Mr. *Pratt*. We apply for a charter; the other side say we are not entitled to it, and they allege that our grant was obtained by fraud from the City Council, and that the Assignees had cognizance of it. We supposed we were here to answer that. They have summoned witnesses; we have summoned none; so far, we have only examined their witnesses. But on Friday, a director of this road controlled by Simon Cameron goes to Philadelphia or Harrisburg—

*Witness*. Walters was not out of the city.