

Answer. Not particularly. I wish it to be understood that I was the only Democratic member in the First Branch, and did not assume to be of any immediate consequence there. From my position, being alone, it was very unusual for me to ask any questions about any matter that came before us. I generally acted upon it as it came before me; if I thought well of it, I would vote aye, and if I thought ill of it, no.

Question. Then I am to understand that you voted upon this bill without giving it any further attention than just looking at it when it came up?

Answer. When it came out of the hands of the Committee on Highways I felt satisfied I would be justified in voting for it, and so I think still.

Question. Did you consider Travers & Co. able to raise the money and build the road at that time?

Answer. I did not know Travers at that time; I was under the impression that they would be able.

Question. How did that impression get in your mind, if you made no inquiry?

Answer. I took it for granted that all the parties applying for the grant knew what they were about.

Question. Did not you say you presumed that Barnum and Brooks did not have anything to do with it?

Answer. Only by representations of Mr. Beale.

Question. I understand you to say you heard representations on one bill, and not on the other?

Answer. You so understood me.

Question. That you did not inquire, as a representative of the city, into the responsibility and character of the five men to whom it was proposed to give the grant of the right of way of the entire city?

Answer. That requires explanation. You will remember the first day the Council met, as the Journal will prove, Mr. Talbot offered a set of resolutions to the effect that the Committee on Railways be empowered to introduce a bill upon the subject of City Passenger Railways—the best bill for the interest of the city. That was the 17th of January. Some 35 or 40 days after that the committee made a report, and when I believe everybody in Baltimore knew that the subject had been under consideration, and that whatever bill the committee reported would be most likely to be the best bill presented before them—and so I understood at the time—I gave it my hearty support.

Question. Were you ever waited upon or called upon in relation to any bill at all?

Answer. Well, I think I have been.

Question. By whom?

Answer. I cannot recollect; I think several parties; I have no recollection of the names.

Question. Have you any personal or prospective interest in the passage of the Brock bill by the Legislature?

Answer. None in the world.

Question. The bill came back with the veto of the Mayor as a four cent bill; was it not understood by members of the Council, and so expressed by Mr. Montagne, that he still had the three cent proposition of Barnum & Co., to lay before them?

Answer. I think so; the Journal will show it.

Question. I suppose the fact of your being a Democratic member was not any very great reason for your supporting the Mayor's veto or his views—that you were not controlled by political considerations.

Answer. Not at all; there was nothing of a political character attached to the bill.

Question. Did you consider it the interest of the city of Baltimore to