

By Mr. *Hambleton*. In justice to yourself, you kept aloof from all the entanglements of this bill as the presiding officer of the body?

Answer. I tried to.

By Mr. *Pratt*. Was Mr. McPhail the party who got up the meeting last night for the purpose of sustaining Winter Davis for his vote in Congress.

Mr. *Hambleton*. What has that to do with this matter.

Mr. *Pratt*. You have charged us with abolition; we want to bring home the charge to you. The question is, was not McPhail the party who got up the meeting last night for the purpose of repudiating the action of the legislature in reference to the vote of Winter Davis for Speaker?

Answer. McPhail certainly did desire to censure the Legislature for censuring Davis, if common report is true; I was not present, but that is the rumor abroad in Baltimore.

By Mr. *Hambleton*. Did that meeting come off?

Answer. It came off at Temperance Hall last night.

Question. Did Mr. McPhail preside?

Answer. He was very active in it to censure the Legislature.

Question. I believe he is an active American, is he not, in your city?

Answer. He has been.

*John W. Randolph* called and examined by Mr. *Pratt*.

Question. You were a member of the City Council when this ordinance was passed?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Of which Branch?

Answer. The First.

Question. Are you aware of any money being offered or paid to any member of the City Council for their votes?

Answer. None whatever. I would say in this connection that I was on a committee appointed by the Council to investigate that very subject, and the committee met twenty nights in succession and failed to prove any thing of the kind.

By Mr. *Campbell*. Did you vote for that bill yourself?

Answer. I did.

Question. Why did you prefer it to the Brooks & Barnum bill, or any other measure?

Answer. I did not vote for the bill originally.

Question. Which did you prefer originally?

Answer. What was called the omnibus proprietors bill.

By Mr. *Pratt*. Why did you abandon that?

Answer. Because the representative of the omnibus proprietors came and told me before the vote was taken on their bill, that they could not succeed if the bill was passed, and therefore they would respectfully decline receiving the grant.

Question. After that you preferred the Travers bill?

Answer. I did.

Question. Why?

Answer. Because I thought it was the best for the city of Baltimore.

Question. It was the best in the condition in which it was antecedently offered, with four cents fare?