

Answer. I presume they were through Dr. Bunting, who was our messenger.

Question. Did you notify them more than once?

Answer. I think so.

Question. State why it was you were particularly anxious to have Brock, Travers and Browning, and the rest of those gentlemen; did you consider their testimony of importance or not?

Answer. We were directed to call upon these parties in view of the message of the Mayor.

Question. You did call upon them, in some instances twice, and they refused and never did appear?

Answer. They never did appear; Travers and his party answered us by letter.

Question. What did they say?

Answer. That they had made a statement of all the matters connected with this affair in a public newspaper in Baltimore, a copy of which they sent to us for our information; further than that they had nothing to say.

Question. Then they acknowledged the receipt of your summons to appear before them?

Answer. Yes, sir, and that was their answer.

Question. That they had said all they intended to say; was that the purport of it?

Answer. Yes, sir, I believe so.

Question. If you had had power to compel the attendance of the parties would you have done it?

Answer. Well, I really do not know; after I got that letter I doubt whether I would.

Question. You assembled to investigate this matter, and particularly to call those gentlemen?

Answer. Yes, sir; we were notified in the City Council that there was a great deal of corruption, and that certain things would be exposed if the committee should be raised; we expected startling developments.

By Mr. Pratt. How long have you resided in Baltimore?

Answer. I must make a calculation; from 1822 up to the present time, and five years previous to that.

By Mr. Hambleton. May be you were born here?

Answer. No, I was born in Cecil county; I came to Baltimore at four years of age and went back, and then returned again in 1822.

By Mr. Pratt. Are you sufficiently acquainted with the business of passenger railroads to say whether a three cent fare would support a road?

Answer. No, sir, I am not; I saw a great many calculations made in the City Council.

By Mr. Hambleton. When was that contract of Randolph, Golibart & Co. made with Brock & Co.?

Answer. Really I do not know; I had nothing to do with it.

Question. Can you say whether it was after or before the time of the passage of the ordinance?