

Answer. It strikes me it was within a week, but I am not certain.

Question. It is conceded it was four days. Where did you first see him?

Answer. In Baltimore.

Question. Whereabouts?

Answer. At the Maltby House.

Question. Did you go to him or did he send for you?

Answer. I went to see him I think at the request of Browning.

Question. Did Browning say at the time what he wanted you to go for?

Answer. Yes, sir, he said those gentlemen were in Baltimore who were ready with the capital to build this road, and wished to meet the original grantees.

Question. State what transpired after you got to the Maltby House, in relation to the assignment?

Answer. As near as I can recollect about the first thing that was done was the introduction to those gentlemen; then the matter of arranging for the furnishing of this capital to build this railway was talked of, and, as was stated by the grantees who were on the stand before, the arrangements were made in accordance with the provisions of that bond that has been spoken of here.

Question. Was there a bond given?

Answer. Certainly there was.

Question. From them to you.

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. At the time this bill was pending had you or not any idea of an assignment being made, or in contemplation?

Answer. I never dreamed of such a thing myself.

Question. Was it a matter of surprise to you when Browning told you they wanted to meet you at the Maltby House?

Answer. No, sir; that was my first intimation. Perhaps I could put the thing in a better shape if I were to tell you something of the earlier stages of my connection.

Counsel. If it will elucidate the matter you can do so.

Witness. When I first allowed my name to come into the grant, in my conversation with Sewell on the subject, I told him all I desired of him was to assure me that capital should be furnished to build the railroad. At that time it was doubtful among our people whether enough capital could be furnished, and I did not wish to be connected with any thing that was going to turn out to be a humbug. Mr. Sewell assured me that the capital would be furnished, and I became perfectly satisfied and let him use my name.

Question. Did he say where it would come from?

Answer. No, sir; I did not ask him; I did not care.

Question. Did you or not ever receive from Brock & Co. \$500?

Answer. I did.

Question. Where did you receive it?

Answer. I think it was in Travers' house; that was long after the assignment was made. I will say in connection with that fact that I had no expectation of any thing of the kind, nor was any intimation