

Answer. A gentleman by the name of Hancock, in Danville, Pa.

Question. Did you ever know a Mr. Foley in any way connected with that iron contract?

Answer. Yes, sir; he acted as agent for Mr. Hancock; was a former partner with him; sold out to him and retired from business, and settled in Baltimore to live on his means.

Question. How long since?

Answer. I think he has been in Baltimore over a year.

Question. You do not know?

Answer. I do not know exactly. I know he was here a considerable time before the bill was passed in the Council, and that after it was passed he called on me and said he would like to have his old partner furnish the iron.

Question. Were you summoned before the investigating committee of the City Council?

Answer. I was.

Question. Did you go?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Why?

Answer. I concluded to send our answer in writing.

Question. Did you meet together and have some action about that answer?

Answer. Yes sir, and all signed it—all five grantees.

Question. Anybody else?

Answer. No one that I know of.

Question. Did you or not consider it your duty to go before the committee of the Council when they summoned you?

Answer. Well, no; I hardly considered it my duty. Perhaps I ought not to say that; still I concluded I would not go, but we would answer in the way we did, which was as good a way as any other to give in our testimony.

Question. You considered that by sending that communication, you were testifying as well before them as if you had gone in person and been subjected to a full examination and cross-examination?

Answer. Well I don't know that I thought of that matter at all.

Question. You thought you could give all the evidence as well in that way?

Answer. I do not know that I thought anything about a cross-examination; my greatest care was, our testimony being reported correctly.

Question. Were you afraid to go there because it would not be reported correctly?

Answer. I wanted all I said to be distinctly understood; that was one of the reasons.

Question. Did you apprehend it would not be distinctly understood?

Answer. Well, yes, I did.

Question. Had you ever been before any other committee?

Answer. No, I had not.

Question. What reason had you to suppose it would not be correctly reported?

Answer. Perhaps I had no good reason; it might have been an effusion of my own brain.