

Question. Did Gardiner come to you and offer to be your agent for \$7,500?

Answer. He did not make any offer at all; I asked him to assist me in the negotiation.

Question. And after he had assisted you, you gave him the money?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Were you acting, or not, as the agent of your associates?

Answer. I represented them.

Question. How long after the passage of the ordinance was it that you met Gardiner and those gentlemen in relation to the matter?

Answer. It was a very few days; I cannot recollect how many.

Question. Do you know how many days after the passage of the ordinance that the assignment was consummated?

Answer. I think it was within five or six days.

Question. Do you think it was about four?

Answer. Within five or six; that is near enough in a matter of that kind.

Question. You met them there twice?

Answer. I said perhaps twice or three times.

Question. Did you meet them twice in one day?

Answer. I cannot recollect.

Question. Had you seen or consulted with Gardiner in relation to this matter before its actual passage by the City Council?

Answer. I had.

Question. Where?

Answer. In Baltimore.

Question. Did you ever see him in Philadelphia, in relation to it?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. What transpired there?

Answer. Nothing more than general conversation about the passage of some bill for a Railway.

Question. Did you or not consult with him there as to the propriety, or benefits that might accrue from an amendment from five to four cents?

Answer. I do not think Gardiner mentioned that to me. I think it was Wood.

Question. Did you converse with Wood about the amendment?

Answer. Yes, sir; he asked me whether I would accept the grant at four cents; I told him I would let him know after reflecting.

Question. Where did this conversation take place?

Answer. In Baltimore.

Question. Did you know Wood personally?

Answer. I never saw him until shortly before the passage.

Question. Did he come to you or did you look him up?

Answer. I cannot tell.

Question. Can you state on what authority Wood approached a stranger on the subject?

Answer. I saw him before he asked that question.

Question. When did he first see you?

Answer. I do not recollect, some time before the passage of the bill.

Question. Had you then any conversation with him about Railroad bills.