

Question. Did they suggest of their own free will that it was illegal?

Answer. I told them to look at the ordinance and tell us what to do under it.

Question. Did they tell you not to open the books?

Answer. They did; J. Mason Campbell, Wm. Schley and Wm. F. Alexander.

Question. Didn't you put the interrogatory, whether or not you were bound to open the books?

Answer. I do not know that I did.

Question. They advised you not to open them?

Answer. They did.

Question. Was it gratuitous or at your solicitation?

Answer. I paid them for it; they gave us an opinion on the ordinance. I asked advice on the whole ordinance.

Question. Didn't you act without advice?

Answer. It would not have been prudent for us to have acted without advice.

Question. Did you know of the fact of the books being attempted to be opened by those men in the city of Baltimore?

Answer. Nothing except by rumor. I was not present on that occasion.

Question. Do you know of any party that interfered with that arrangement?

Answer. Not of my own knowledge.

Question. Do you intend under that ordinance to insist upon not opening the books?

Answer. Of course that is our intention.

Question. You don't intend to open them under that ordinance?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Do you intend to keep the whole matter within the hands of the assignees?

Answer. Until we can dispose of some of it, we will.

Question. How dispose of it—sell it?

Answer. That depends upon the act of the Legislature, if they give us a charter, we wish to sell some, and if you want to buy for cash, it will be in the hands of the people.

Question. Suppose they do not give you a charter; you will not open the books?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. State whether about the first of December you had a conversation with several gentlemen of the Baltimore delegation in relation to the City Passenger Railway?

Answer. I have no recollection of it, I do not think I ever had any conversation with any members of the City Council.

Question. Members of the Legislature; did you in December converse with the ten gentlemen returned from Baltimore?

Answer. I have no recollection.

Question. Did you or not address a written communication to them in which you stated that you thought if you could see them together you could explain the matter satisfactorily?