

Answer. I do not think I did.

Question. Can you be positive on that point?

Answer. I think I am.

Question. Don't you think you could be likely to remember the fact?

Answer. I tell you I don't think I did; if you have any document of that kind, just produce it and I will say whether I—

Question. Did Mr. McAllister ask you the question whether or not you intend to open the books in Baltimore in any conversation?

Answer. I think he did.

Question. What was your reply?

Answer. That we would not.

Question. Will you state any further conversation you had at or about that time?

Answer. You may ask me any question; I do not recollect the general conversation?

Question. In the course of your remarks was there any allusion made to the fact that there had been fraud in the City Council of Baltimore, and when you were responding to that, were you interrupted by Mr. Kraft with this: "It is not right for you (Brock) to say this; let them expose their own infamy." Did you or not repeat these words: "Yes, expose their own infamy?"

Answer. I did not.

Question. You have no recollection of any conversation in which the word infamy in relation to the City Council was used?

Answer. It did not come from me, and I don't recollect of its coming from any body.

Question. How many conversations did you have with Mr. McAllister in relation to the matter?

Answer. I do not recollect ever meeting him on that subject but that one time. I had seen him, but I do not think I ever conversed with him on the subject.

Question. Did you or not ever send a telegraphic dispatch to Talbot, in Baltimore, with the words in it, "I will be on to-morrow with the money," signed Brock?

Answer. I have no knowledge or recollection.

Question. Do you remember Wood making use of any such expression as this to you at Baltimore, in relation to the proposed reduction from five to four cents, when he was about leaving you: "I told him I would die by it?"

Answer. I don't recollect.

Question. Can you state to this Committee any conversation, or any part of any conversation that you ever had with Wood in relation to the matter?

Answer. I cannot; I have had conversations with him on the subject of railroads, but I do not recollect except about the four cent matter.

Question. Were you in Baltimore when this Travers bill was pending?

Answer. I was a part of the time.

Question. Were you at that time in communication with Gardiner in relation to it?

Answer. I saw him several times before the passage of it in Baltimore.

Question. Did you or not request him, or was it understood between you, that he should then use his influence and assistance in that matter?

Answer. No, sir, I had no arrangement with him.

Question. Did any conversation take place between you in regard to the matter?

Answer. In regard to the passage of the bill? No particular bill—any bill