

that might pass that was acceptable. I did not want it unless it was acceptable.

Question. State whether, or not, you paid any reporter or writer for writing or publishing communications for any journal of the city of Baltimore in favor of your Travers bill?

Answer. I have no recollection of doing it.

Question. After it had been assigned?

Answer. I do not recollect.

Question. Did you pay John Wills any thing?

Answer. I did.

Question. State what it was.

Answer. I do not recollect how much. It was a great deal; it was writing a few articles about the time we were enjoined on Baltimore street.

Question. Did you employ any body else for that purpose?

Answer. I have no recollection of it.

Question. Will you say, upon your oath, you did not?

Answer. I did not think I did; I have no recollection of it; I feel satisfied in my own mind that I did not.

Question. Have you, or not, in any way sought to influence any editor or journal in the city of Baltimore, to advocate your bill, or to defend you in the matter?

Answer. I have not.

Question. Or any one for you?

Answer. Nor any one for me.

Question. Where was your road enjoined?

Answer. I can't recollect.

Question. You were, I think, constructing Broadway at the time, coming up Baltimore street.

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Do you remember what time that was?

Answer. I can't recollect what time it was. We commenced the work in May. When we were enjoined I do not recollect.

Question. When did Wills commence writing for you?

Answer. I can't say.

Question. Was it in March?

Answer. I have no recollection. I knew he wrote some articles about that time.

Question. Was it before or after the application for an injunction by Hamilton Easter and others?

Answer. I really do not recollect, but I know he wrote some articles about that time.

Question. Is your memory bad?

Answer. It is a matter I did not charge my memory with. I consider it is not of any account.

Question. Was it while the bill was pending before the Council?

Answer. No sir.

Question. For what purpose did you employ him to write articles?

Answer. That is a matter of our own.

Question. It is a matter I want the Committee to know.

Answer. We were assailed by the press here after we had obtained this grant, and we wanted an article written, and we had a right to employ somebody to do it.

Question. You then had the articles written for the purpose, if you could, of influencing public opinion in Baltimore.

Answer. In self-defence; we meant to do our duty.

Question. You meant to do your duty?

Answer. Yes, sir, and have done it.

Question. Did't you think when the grantees made the assignment to you, they expected and believed that you were going to open the books?