

Answer. I cannot tell any thing about what they believed.

Question. Did Mr. Browning, or not, object to signing until you should give him such a bond as could faithfully require the execution of the 7th Section and the opening of the books?

Answer. He did not, I believe, say any thing about the 7th Section; but he did not want to transfer till we gave him a bond of \$50,000 to faithfully carry out the ordinance.

Question. Was anything said about the 7th Section?

Answer. I have no recollection.

Question. Did you in your own mind intend not to open the books if you could get around it—if it was not legal?

Answer. We did not want to amend it, if it was legal we would open the books.

Question. Did you intend, or not, to open the books?

Answer. I had no intention about it.

Question. When did you first determine you would not open the books?

Answer. I can't tell you. I do not recollect when that was.

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

Answer. Yes, sir, just as I was about leaving the hotel for Philadelphia.

Question. Did the summons reach you?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Did you send any response to the City Council?

Answer. I said I was about to leave the city and could not attend.

Question. How long was you absent?

Answer. I cannot tell, not a great many days.

Question. Six?

Answer. I do not think I was.

Question. The Committee was in session I believe 20 days?

Answer. They did not summons me the first day.

Question. Did you not know when you returned to Baltimore, that the Committee was still in session?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Why didn't you appear?

Answer. Because I did not think they had any right to summon me.

Question. Did you take advantage of that?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you suppose they would undertake to summon you without authority?

Answer. I took my own idea about the matter, and concluded they had not.

Question. Then it was not because you went to Philadelphia that you refused?

Answer. It was at that time.

Question. What was the cause when you got back?

Answer. I gave you the cause.

Question. Because you didn't think they had a right?

Answer. Yes, sir, exactly.

Question. Didn't you think it was an act of courtesy at least, to report yourself?

Answer. That is a matter of opinion.

Question. It is for you to say whether or not you were bound?

Answer. I did not consider myself bound by any obligation whatever to respond to the call.

Question. Did you know for what purpose they were appointed?

Answer. I did not, and do not know now.

Question. Did not the summons state?

Answer. I do not recollect.

Question. You say you went to Philadelphia about the time the Committee were being appointed to investigate the railroad grant?