

Answer. I did'nt say so; I said that, about the time I was ready to leave the hotel they summoned me.

Question. Who summoned you?

Answer. I cannot tell the name of the gentleman.

Question. Where did it come from?

Answer. I don't recollect where.

Question. Were you summoned to appear at the Court House or the City Hotel.

Answer. I can't say.

Question. Then you did not pay attention to it all?

Answer. I did not.

Question. State, whether or not there were various contracts made for the work done on your road for iron and lumber?

Answer. We made no contract at all for wood, iron, or anything else, except a general contract with Shoemaker & Co., for Baltimore street, Crowley & Co., for Green street and Madison av.

Question. Do you consider yourself or your associates to-day under any bond by any written obligation to the City of Baltimore or to these grantees?

Answer. We consider ourselves bound to the City of Baltimore to carry out that ordinance.

Question. I mean by any written paper known as a bond?

Answer. We gave a bond to the grantees to carry out the ordinance.

Question. Did'nt you say a while ago, that, by taking the matter into your own hands you virtually set aside that bond?

Answer. I don't think I did.

Question? What did you say—I asked you the question?

Answer. Well, I answered it two or three times.

Question. I want it over again?

Answer. I do not choose to answer one question more than half-a-dozen times.

Question. You said to this Committee that, by taking the matter into your own hands, you virtually nullified that contract?

Answer. I don't think I did.

Question. What did you say?

Answer. I spoke of an arrangement, and you asked whether there was a subsequent arrangement by that bond was vitiated. I said that the arrangement was this; that I took the matter into my own hands and attended to it; not that I violated any agreement in the bond.

Question. Did you say to the legislators of Baltimore, that you considered it virtually nullifying that bond?

Answer. I do not think I did. I have told you just what I think I said.

Question. I repeat: Do you not to-day consider yourself under a legal bond? or obligation to the grantees and City of Baltimore to carry out in good faith the letter and spirit of that ordinance?

Answer. Of course we do.

Question. And you never said to these men that you did not?

Answer. I do not think I did.

Question. You say you do not think you did; be kind enough to state upon your oath, whether you did or not.

Answer. I do not think I did; that is all I will say.

By the *Chairman*. Question. To the best of your recollection you say you have not said so?

Answer. I have said it a half-dozen times; I have been hammered very considerably in this matter; it is difficult to recollect every thing.

By *Mr. Hambleton*. Question. That is your misfortune. Had you any direct intercourse with any member of the City Council in this matter at any time?