

Answer. I told you I met Wood, and Talbot, and I think Sewell, on the subject once.

Question. Can you tell what transpired between you and Sewell?

Answer. General remarks about railways.

Question. Did he tell you he would vote for the bill?

Answer. He did not.

Question. Or, that he would not?

Answer. He did not—not a word said about voting. I had not anything to do with it; it was a matter for the City Council; I had no negotiation with him in any shape.

Question. State whether or not you knew whether Gardiner, to whom you paid the \$7,500, used any other influence than his presence with you and the grantees at the time this assignment was being made, in order to secure you that bill?

Answer. I have no knowledge of any transaction.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Did he tell you so?

Answer. He did not.

By Mr. *Hambleton*. Question. Did he tell you he had ever used any money?

Answer. I have no recollection that he did.

Question. Do you think he did?

Answer. I do not think he ever did.

Question. If he did tell you he had used it, don't you think you would be likely to recollect it?

Answer. I say I do not recollect of his ever telling me.

Question. Don't you think you would be likely to recollect it if he had done so?

Answer. I think I should.

Question. Then you can't positively say so?

Answer. I do not think he did.

Question. Do you know what Gardner did with that money?

Answer. I do not.

Question. Was it paid in money or a check?

Answer. I cannot recollect; most of it money, I think.

Question. You can't recollect whether you paid \$7,500 in money, or part in check?

Answer. I cannot.

Question. Do you think you paid in check?

Answer. I cannot tell.

Question. Where did the payment take place?

Answer. I cannot tell you; I think it was in Baltimore.

Question. Do you know what part?

Answer. I cannot recollect.

Question. Was it at his office?

Answer. I cannot say where it was.

Question. At his house?

Answer. I have answered the question as often as I will do it.

A *Member of the Committee*. The question has been answered several times, and it is consuming time to repeat it.

The *Chairman*. I hope the counsel will put the questions as pertinent as he can.

Question. Your memory is very treacherous?

Answer. No, sir, it is not. I will answer as well as I can.

Question. Almost every answer is, "I don't remember?"

Answer. Well, I can't remember; I have more business on hand than you have.

Question. Did you see Gardiner in Philadelphia, at any time before you came on to Baltimore, in relation to this bill?