

Answer. I did not come in relation to this bill.

Question. Did you see him in Philadelphia ever before you saw him in Baltimore?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Does Mr. Sewell or any other citizen of Baltimore own any stock in this road?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Have they any promise of any?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Was all the consideration you ever paid or expect to pay to these grantees \$500?

Answer. \$500 is all that they ever got or that they ever are to have.

Question. Was there an agreement to that effect?

Answer. No agreement at all with them, except that bond.

Question. Did that specify that they should have \$500 apiece?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Was it agreed between you, then, as to the sum they were to receive?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. You fixed upon the \$500 yourself?

Answer. I handed them \$500.

By *Mr. Pratt*. Question. Did you or not, directly or indirectly, personally or by agent, offer to any member of the City Council, prior to the passage of that bill, any money, reward or promise of any compensation in any shape whatever?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did any of your associates, with your knowledge do it?

Answer. They did not.

Question. You saw in the papers, I understood you to say, the statement that the Railroad bills were before the City Council in Baltimore?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Your business is the making of those Railroads?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. You are engaged in other cities in that business?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. And you came on for the purpose of ascertaining if you could get an assignment of any grant that might be passed?

Answer. Yes, sir, that was my idea.

Question. Did you or not know any one of these grantees at that time?

Answer. I did not.

Question. Did you ever know or see any one of them before the ordinance was passed?

Answer. I did not.

Question. You never offered any pay or inducement of any kind to any member of the City Council to vote for that ordinance, or any other?

Answer. I offered no inducement whatever.

Question. In your conversation with Wood, he asked you if you would agree to take the four cent bill, and you told him you would consider it and let him know; and subsequently you told him you would; was there any inducement offered to him more than the fact of the bill being lower to vote for that bill?

Answer. No offer by me or by any agent, to my knowledge.

Question. Please state what is the expense of running these cars. In the first place, how many hands have you employed?

Answer. About 150, I think.

Question. They cost about how much?

Answer. It is difficult for me to tell; we pay various prices, according to position.