

Question. You have been charged with being a Black Republican. I called the attention of the Committee this morning to a letter written from this place by a writer signing himself "Annapolis," who undertakes to say that the testimony which has been published is not correct, and he goes on to give the details of it as he understood it, and concludes that that testimony establishes five propositions, to wit:

1st. The primary design of Wood & Co., in the Council, and Mr. Gardner and his friends, to despoil the people of Baltimore of that which was their own, in order that it might inure to the benefit of Black Republicans of Pennsylvania, and the oppression of our people in the high rate of fare they are now obliged to pay.

2d. That Mr. Brock was an original party to the scheme before it passed the Council, and was in consultation in Baltimore with its friends in and out of the Council, and *agreed* (according to Mr. Wood) in advance to take it at 4 cents.

3d. That money or other inducements was in use to secure its passage. See Brock's tacit acknowledgment of this in Mr. McAllister's testimony, where he, Brock, preferred that "people should publish their own infamy."

4th. That a feature of this Black Republican bill was, that Brock's influence with the Pennsylvania congressmen was to be or might be secured to accomplish the elevation of Henry Winter Davis to the speakership.

And it will be remarked here as a most singular thing, that Winter Davis was nominated in October, and the election was in November; that Congress met in December, and the Maryland Legislature the first Monday in January; so that this writer must have supposed that Congress would not elect a speaker till after the meeting of this Legislature. Then Brock's influence was to become effective in the election of Winter Davis.

5th. That Brock & Co. are the rankest and most offensive Black Republicans.

Now, will you state whether you have any Black Republican proclivities?

Answer. I have not; I do not belong to that crowd.

Question. Did you ever know Passimore Williamson?

Answer. I do not; I would not know him if I saw him.

Question. You never, of course, engaged in any effort to rescue him from the grasp of the law, or from punishment?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Never sympathized with him?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Do you know whether your associates, or any of them, are Black Republicans?

Answer. I do not think they are; they are not politicians; Mr. Grove is an American and sometimes takes part in the opposition.

Question. To what party do you belong?

Answer. The old-line Whig. I have not meddled with any politics since 1844; it would not do very well; I am engaged in business in Florida.

Question. You mentioned Mr. Miller, of Pa.; what is he—an American or a Democrat?

Answer. A Democrat; he was clerk of the Senate.

Question. No Black Republican?

Answer. I don't think he is.

Question. And none of your people are tainted at all with it?

Answer. They are all Union men.

Question. It has even been charged that your wife was some connection of Lucretia Mott; did you ever see her?

Answer. I have seen her.

Question. Does she know you?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Does your wife know her?

Answer. She knows her in the street, but she is no connection of hers and no acquaintance.