

Mr. Sangston here put a number of questions to the witness with a view to show, that with the projected route, the length of road would be less than 45 miles single track : also with a view of showing that the road, when finally completed and stocked, making a most liberal allowance for all expenditures, would not cost more than \$600,000.

Witness. I will give you \$800,000.

Question. Then I want you to explain why you want a charter for three millions for what will not cost \$600,000 The present 17 miles of track cost \$289,000.

Answer. That is a single track ; it has cost us about \$2,500 a mile, extra work, so far. I will make a statement out for the Committee.

George R. Berry, called and examined by Mr. Hambleton.

Question. On the examination in chief by Mr. Brock, I put to him the question whether or not he had a conversation with you and several other members now representing the city of Baltimore, some time in the latter part of December.

Answer. I never had any conversation with him in December, but after we had convened.

Question. I asked him then what conversation took place ; whether or not he made any reference to the "infamous" City Council, its exposure, &c., and he said he could not call to mind anything he had said—state whether you was present, and whether any such conversation took place, and if so, what it was.

Answer. Mr. McAllister said to Mr. Brock, if he could sit down at that table and give him a statement under his own signature of all the corruption that had been practiced in the matter, he would promise him, he would vote for his bill. Mr. Brock remarked that if those gentlemen choose to publish their own infamy, they could do it; he must decline.

Question. Who else was present ?

Answer. Mr. Kraft, Mr. Booze, Mr. Denison, Mr. Smith and Mr. Turner, I think.

Question. I then asked him whether or not he had at any time subsequent or prior to that, had any conversation with you or in your presence, or the presence of any of those gentlemen, and he said he could not recollect any. State whether or not at any other time there was any other conversation at which you happened to be present.

Answer. No, sir, I never had any other conversation in regard to that matter ; that is all I know of.

By Mr. *Blakistone.* What did Mr. Brock state in that conversation in regard to the bond.

Answer. He stated that the bond had been done away with by a subsequent bond. Mr. McAllister said to him at the time, "Mr. Brock, that is just what I want to get at. I would like to know how much money you paid for that subsequent bond, and who got it?"

Question. Do you know whether he said subsequent bond or subsequent arrangement ?

Answer. It was done away with by a subsequent. I will not say certainly whether it was bond or arrangement ; but instrument in writing.

Question. Where did this conversation take place ?