

there. I met Smith and went with him to the room to hear what explanation might be called for by these gentlemen, and with the impression, that as gentlemen were there, and they required a private explanation, that explanation was at least to be kept to themselves.— However, as they have seen fit under the circumstances to talk about what took place, and, I think, unintentionally misrepresented what was said, I do not feel any hesitation in stating what I recollect to be the facts. McAllister conducted the conversation and spoke so much that once or twice Smith interrupted him, thinking he had too much to say. He asked Brock a great many questions which were answered. He asked him in particular about the \$2,500 that was paid to the five grantees. I do not recollect that he said he paid that money for the use of their names; on the contrary, if there was any intimation, it was for the grant. At any rate it was not for the use of their names. He distinctly said he had never seen the grantees till after the grant was made, and then he paid them this money. As far as my recollection goes, the conversation about McAllister's voting for the bill was carried on jocularly rather than otherwise. I could not conceive that he meant that he would vote for a bill that he knew to be fraudulent, when the man who wanted the grant would tell him it was; and I suppose it was one of his peculiar views of humor. I did not think he was in earnest, and certainly heard no reply that I conceived to be in earnest, because Brock, I am quite sure, would not make use of it in that way. Therefore, if any conversation of that kind took place, it certainly made no impression on my mind that Mr. Brock admitted that the City Council had been bribed or corrupted.— And when Mr. Berry said that the rest of the delegation seemed to think from what Brock said that he admitted fraud and corruption, I certainly never heard a single word of admission that he had bribed any body. I should feel very loth to vote for this bill if I supposed he admitted the fraud charged. I understood Brock to remark in regard to the \$2,500 paid for the grant, that he got it cheap.

Jonathan Brock recalled and examined by *Mr. Hambleton*.

Question. In the testimony on Saturday it is said by some one that you remarked that Mayor Swann need not make such a row about this thing, that he knew all about it—speaking of his veto.

Answer. No, he knew all about the capital coming from Philadelphia. I did not know that of my own personal knowledge.

Question. Can you give any authority for it?

Answer. I cannot.

It was now 12 o'clock, and the meeting adjourned till to-morrow at 11, A. M

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The Committee met at 12 o'clock.

Mr. *Sangston* corrected an error in the report of the Baltimore American, in reference to himself. The American had also made him say that Mr. Walters was a democrat. Although he did not so state in his testimony yesterday, yet