

it, were you satisfied at that time that the books must and would be opened?

Answer. I was so satisfied.

Question. You signed it under that belief and impression?

Answer. I did.

By the Chairman. Was that also the impression of the grantees?

Answer. I do not know.

Question. I understood you to say you had consulted with them?

Answer. The grantees told me it was their purpose to open these books.

Question. And it was their understanding that it was their duty?

Answer. I do not know that they said that, but they told me it was their purpose to see the books were opened.

Question. I understood you to say they presumed that was a part of their duty?

Answer. I presumed that would follow as a consequence.

By Mr. Hambleton. I believe there is a provision in the ordinances requiring them to consult with the City Commissioner?

Answer. I believe so: that is, that the work should be done under his supervision.

Question. State whether or not you have ever called upon the City Commissioner to know whether Brock & Co. have complied with that section of the ordinances, or that the Commissioner has responded?

Mr. Campbell. Does not that appear in the correspondence?

Answer. It appears in the correspondence; it is matter of record.

Question. It is in evidence before the committee that you knew, at or before the time of the passage of that bill, that Brock & Co., of Philadelphia, were to get it.

Several members of the committee. No sir; that the capital was to come from Philadelphia.

Mr. Hambleton. Mr. McAllister stated that Brock stated to him that Mayor Swann need not make a row about it—he knew all about it.

Witness. That I deny most emphatically; I had no knowledge of it whatsoever.

Question. You said that you acted, among other considerations, upon the integrity of Travers and the other grantees in that bill?

Answer. I said Travers: the other grantees were not so well known to me. I had known him personally and had a very high respect for him.

Question. Do I understand you to say that you signed the bill under the impression that Travers would put that ordinance into effect, and construct that road, with his associates?

Answer. No, I did not say that exactly; I said the impression made upon me by Travers' name was very favorable.

Question. The question is, whether or not, at the time you signed the bill, knowing Travers as you did, you signed it under the influence and belief that he and the other grantees were the parties who were to construct the road?

Answer. Yes sir, I did sign it under the belief that the road would be constructed by the original grantees. I did not know in regard to the capital, where it would come from. I have never objected to the introduction of foreign capital into our city. I take just as much of it