

To the 4th interrogatory embraced in the said order of the house. The witness stated that he had prepared no answer, but would be prepared to answer the said interrogatory, when he again appeared before the committee. [For answer see papers on file, marked A. B. & C.]

The committee then proposed the following interrogatory to the witness, to be answered when he again appeared before the committee.

Upon what terms was the money mentioned in your answer to the first interrogatory borrowed, and of whom? The witness was then discharged until Friday next at 4 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5th.

The committee met. Present Messrs. Wootton, Causin, Pitts, and Handy.

George C. Washington, Esq., was then sworn and the following interrogatories propounded to him by the committee.

1st. Was James W. McCulloch authorized by the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to employ counsel to assist in effecting the passage of the bill of two millions of dollars, passed at the session of eighteen hundred and thirty four and five?

2d. Did the board give to James W. McCulloch a general authority to procure the passage of the bill authorizing a loan of two millions of dollars, and leave the means of its attainment to his own discretion and judgment?

3d. Was the compensation agreed to be given by Mr. McCulloch to Joseph J. Merrick, subsequently sanctioned and paid?

4th. What compensation did Mr. McCulloch receive for his services in aid of the procurement of the two million loan? and the passages of the eight million bill?

5th. Was not the bill and report of the committee on Internal Improvement in 1836, more acceptable to the company than the bill as proposed by the committee of Ways and Means, and why?

6th. Was or was there not some hesitation on the part of the canal company to accept the bill as it finally passed, and what were the grounds of objection?

7th. Was the board apprised by Mr. McCulloch of the engagement he had entered into with Joseph J. Merrick, Esq. to attend at Annapolis on the part of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to procure the passage of the eight million loan bill, at any time prior to the demand made by Joseph J. Merrick, for compensation for that service.

To the foregoing interrogatories, the witness wished by the permission of the committee to give his answer in writing, and further time was allowed the witness to prepare the same.

In answer to the interrogatories contained in the order of the house of the 9th ult., Mr. Washington answered, "that he would refer the committee to the answers given to the said interrogatories by John P. Ingle, Esq. as being correct, and to the 3d Interro-