

could have been induced to assent. I also viewed it as part of my duty to labor by speech and writing to remove the objections which were entertained by the District cities, by Virginia, and by the Secretary of the Treasury. Before the spring session of 1836, I caused the wishes of this county (Washington) for the passage of the bill to be ascertained by the signatures of its voters, collected by personal calls throughout its limits. At almost every session since, I have been compelled to leave home and keep watch and word lest the fruits of all these labors should be wrested from you, before you entered upon their enjoyment. I have sacrificed my professional pursuits, and largely my domestic enjoyments. The fee, could all these things been foreseen, I should not have deemed too large if absolute and independent of success, instead of being contingent as it was upon a thousand chances. I should certainly not again undertake a like labor on a contingency."

John P. Ingle, Esq. appeared and presented five papers,\* marked A. B. C. D. & E. as his answer to the 4th Interrogatory contained in the order of the House of the 9th ult.

Messrs. Washington and Ingle were then discharged.

The committee then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12th.

Committee met. Present the same members as on yesterday, and Mr. Maulsby. John P. Ingle was again called, and the following interrogatory was propounded. Did or did not the Bank of Washington charge the company for its endorsement of the bills drawn on Mr. Peabody. If yea, what amount was charged and paid? Answer to the same. No charge has been made by the Bank of Washington for its endorsement of bills drawn by the company upon Mr. Peabody.

2d Interrogatory. You state in your answer to the first interrogatory that the company received from the State \$2,500,000 worth of bonds—that 1,500,000 only were sent to Mr. Peabody, the agent of the company, and that of the 1,000,000 retained, only 430,000 has been hypothecated in this country. Will you state what has become of the balance of those bonds amounting to \$570,000?

3d Interrogatory. What amount will be required to complete the canal, supposing the bonds to be sold at par?

Mr. Ingle had leave to prepare his answers to the two last interrogatories and present them at the next meeting of the committee.

On motion, the committee adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13th.

Committee met. Present the same as yesterday, and Mr. Comegys.

\*Papers referred to here are missing.