

the oath read to him by the clerk, and also having the order of the house under which the committee are acting read.

SATURDAY, Feb. 16th.

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

James W. McCulloch, Esq. appeared before the committee, and the following interrogatories were propounded to him. And at the request of the witness, time was allowed him to prepare his answers to the same.

1st. When did the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company give you authority to employ counsel to aid in procuring the passage of the eight million loan bill?

2d. Did the company give you authority to fix the compensation to persons employed by you for that purpose?

3d. Was it at a regular or special meeting of the board, that you were clothed with that authority?

4th. Were you present at that meeting? and upon whose motion were you invested with that power?

5th. State specifically the terms of the contracts made by you with J. J. Merrick, Esq., or Robert W. Kent, or Phil'n Chew, Esq.? and what particularly induced you to employ them?

6th. At what time did Col. Washington first become apprized of the agency of Mr. Merrick?

7th. Upon what data was the charge of \$10,000 deemed only an adequate remuneration for the services of Mr. Merrick?

8th. What compensation, if any, did you receive from the Baltimore and Ohio, and Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company?

9th. Were you authorized by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, to employ counsel to aid in procuring the passage of the \$3,000,000 loan bill?

10th. Did you, during the pendency of the eight million loan bill before the Legislature, acquaint the company with the contracts you had made with J. J. Merrick, Esq., Robert W. Kent, and Phil'n Chew, and did the company, to your knowledge, before the final action upon Mr. Merrick's claim, approve the contract you had made?

11th. By Mr. Blocher.

Will you state what services were performed by Jeremiah Hughes to entitle him to the sum of \$750, for which you claimed and received an allowance in your account against the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and for what purpose an express was sent to Centreville, Eastern Shore, Maryland? the object in sending Mr. Jones to Baltimore at the expense of the canal company? the nature of the message sent by him, and the person to whom that message was sent?

The clerk addressed a letter, by order of the committee, to