

and then been paid out by me; and I have considered it proper, and in every way expedient, to keep a book, in which I have opened an account with myself, charging all scrip received, and crediting all paid out. The entries are made at the time of the respective transactions.

Previous to the removal of the office, the duties above were devolved on Mr. Fillebrown, then assistant clerk.

I presumed, of course, that he kept a book similar to that now kept by myself, and that he had left the same in the office. Not finding such, I addressed him a letter, asking where I could find it. His reply states, that he kept no such book, but that what he did keep of the transactions, was a mere memorandum of his own, and *which was private*. I have since asked a copy of that, but, although, I have received a letter from him in reply, the copy is not sent.

The board must be aware that, by keeping such book, or account of the scrip, *exclusively and independent of the Treasurer's account and books*, at all times, when information is wanted, as to the purposes and objects to which the scrip has been applied, great facility is afforded in obtaining it, otherwise the only way is by resort, not only, to the Treasurer's books,—the accounts of respective individuals,—but to original vouchers, as in no other way, can a payment of scrip be disclosed—there being no distinction between the funds used—scrip or other—in the requisitions, of course, this imposes great labor, and requires much time to prepare the statement, more than I have had at command to the present moment.

To facilitate me in the purpose in view, was the inducement, to asking of Mr. F. as I did. His refusal to comply, I cannot but regard as evincing a disposition to embarrass myself and others, now, in office. Especially, as he had intimated, *voluntarily*, that at all times, any information needed, and which he could give, would be with pleasure, afforded to me, with whom he had ever been most friendly. Fortunately, it is not essential, but the information can be had without the paper sought for.

It is with no pleasant feeling, on my part, that I draw the conclusion from his course. The friendship and sympathy I have sincerely felt for that individual, would induce me to hope that it is erroneous and nothing would give me more satisfaction, than to hear future reasons to change my mind.

Individually, I have been, at all times, on social and friendly intercourse with the old officers of the company, and I certainly did believe, that each and all of them would be ready to give all aid in their power, to those who have succeeded them; and who could not be expected otherwise than, at some time or other, to be found in need of information as to the *multifarious papers and transactions* of this company, with which its old officers, were necessari-