

my *regular services*, I am unable to "detail the services rendered for extra compensation." The board in making the orders on the subject have been pleased to say upon the record, that it was for "extra services." "Extra services rendered to the company out of office hours," and "for extra duty imposed upon the clerk," (with other officers of the company.) I have therefore to infer that this extra compensation was voted to me for extraordinary labours in the performance of duties which could not be performed within the prescribed hours for business. I should perhaps do injustice to the gentlemen who in these days constituted the board, as well as to myself, if I were not to say, that I believe they were in some degree moved to their several acts of liberality towards me by the belief that my stated salary was not a compensation for the services required of me, for by the statements referred, it will be seen that no extra compensation has been paid to me since my fixed salary exceeded \$1,250 per annum, except in one instance, when the labours of all the officers were greatly increased in that year, by peculiar circumstances.

That I did devote a great deal of time to the service of the company beyond that required by its rules, is matter of notoriety. For several years it was more usual for me to be in the office at the hour of the setting of the sun, than to leave it at 3 o'clock, and during that period my time spent in the office of the company averaged more than an hour per day beyond that required by its rules. In the years 1837 and 1838, when the small notes and others were issued by the company, it was my practice after performing a long day's service in the office, to take these notes home with me and sign them by candle light.

For ten years I was the Secretary of all the General Meetings of the stockholders—and kept all the books, proceedings and other papers. This was not a trifling duty, nor was it one which could have been required of the clerk of the company. It had no necessary connexion with his office. I could mention other duties and responsibilities which have been borne by me, but it is unnecessary.

That these extraordinary labours were not of choice will be evident to any one who will examine into the duties required to be performed when the company was engaged in extensive operations, and one of the consequences to myself was, the failure of my health, in the year 1837, after which it was impossi-