

ble for me to devote myself so entirely to the business of my office, as I had previously done.

On the 1st of June, 1839, I had been the clerk of the company for 10 years and 11 months, and had received in that period as extra compensation \$2,400, making an average of \$219 87 per annum.

My fixed salary during the same time was \$15,092 53, giving an average of 1,382 52 per annum

\$1,602 39

Making the average amount paid to me for my services up to 1st June, 1839, including all extra allowances \$1,602 39 per annum.

My fixed salary for three years preceding the 1st June, 1839, (included in the foregoing average,) was \$1,800 per annum, and it continued at that rate to the time of my resignation in July, 1840.

3rd Question. How much extra compensation have you received since June 1st, 1839.

Answer. I have received no extra compensation since June 1, 1839, nor have I ever supposed that I had any claim for any.

4th Question. Have you now, or have you ever had a legal claim upon the canal company for extra allowance? If yea, explain how, if nay, why were these bounties conferred upon you?

Answer. I have an undoubted legal right to all that I have ever received from the canal company as extra allowance, and I derive my right to it under the several orders of the board directing it to be paid to me; but I have never supposed that I had any legal claim for extra allowance until the board had so directed.

As I have never applied to the board either for extra compensation or for an increase of my salary, I am unable to say why they were pleased by their several voluntary acts to increase my compensation unless it was that they believed that the increase so made, was but a just recompense for my services.

5th Question. How much money per annum of their term of service has been paid each of the several Presidents of the canal company, from its organization up to June 1, 1840, as extra allowance or extra compensation? By what authority were these payments made, and how much do such gratuities to each President amount to?