

gentlemen who had been members of the Board of Directors before Mr. Thomas was President?

*Answer.* I presume that the two gentlemen referred to are Mr. Janney and Doct. Gunton. The former gentleman had been a director of the company from its organization, and was re-elected in June 1839, a few days before the bills were drawn. The latter gentleman had been, but was not now a director.

As £3,171 stg. of these bills were drawn in favor of, and sold to Mr. Janney, and as £15,000 stg. were drawn in favor of the Bank of Washington, of which institution Doct. Gunton was the President, the inference may be made that the bills were drawn with their approbation, but I aver that Mr. Janney cautioned the President of the canal company of the danger of drawing bills without authority, when that course was proposed as a means of raising money at that time. The Bank of Washington was not the purchaser of the bills drawn in its name, having refused to purchase. It was merely the agent of the company in negotiating them, having received an order on the Commissioner of Loans for State bonds in pledge to secure the payment of the bills in London. I am therefore unable to answer whether this gentleman approved or disapproved of the bills being drawn.

*6th Question.* You have spoken of your advice to the President as to the sale of bonds on one occasion, when he was about to leave Washington city for New York, and conclude with the declaration, "the President returned home without having made any sales." Did not the President at that time, and repeatedly afterwards say in your hearing, to members of the board, that he had offered the bonds to different persons in Philadelphia, New York and elsewhere, and could receive no bid for them whatever?

*Answer.* After the President's return from New York, he did inform the board verbally in my presence, that he had offered the bonds in that city and in Philadelphia, (I do not remember that any other place was mentioned,) and could get no price offered for them. I have also heard him repeat the same thing I believe. The President did not I presume desire to be understood literally that he could get *nothing* for the bonds, and I did not so construe what he said, I rather understood that he could not get what he was willing to take. The views of the President in regard to the value of these bonds were subject to such rapid and extreme changes, that I was often at a loss to