

*Answer.* I know that bonds were sold in New York, for the purpose of taking up *before* their maturity, certain bills of exchange drawn by the company upon Geo. Peabody, to the amount of £15,000 sterling, in opposition to the express advice of that gentleman—they were consequently protested for non *acceptance*.—The President brought with him from New York, a statement of the sale of £25,000 sterling, 5 per cent. bonds of Maryland, and of the reimbursement of the protested bills, amount £15,000 sterling.—This account had the name of neither the company, nor of any other person, or bank upon its face or affixed to it—and I of course enquired of him what it meant.—When he informed me that it was the transaction with the N. American Trust and Banking Company—I observed that I was not at all surprised at their not permitting their name to appear in it, for it was a disgraceful proceeding, of which any one concerned in it might well be ashamed. This statement and all the papers having reference to this matter, were by me left amongst the other muniments of the Company, at the time my service terminated.

*7th Interrogatory.* Who received from the Commissioner of Loans, the state bonds, issued for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, in the years 1839, and 1840—and who disposed of the bonds so received? Was there any account kept of those bonds, of their sale and disposition during these years by any officer of the company.—If yea—who kept the account?—If nay—whose duty was it to have done so?

*Answer.* I consider the clerk of the Company, as the proper officer to have received from the Commissioner of Loans, upon the orders of the President, so many of the bonds in question as were not reserved to exchange for the 6 per cent. certificates, previously issued to the Company.—The clerk would have passed them to the Treasurer of the company for record, and so far as any of them have been sold in this country, the clerk did pass to me the accounts of sale, and their proceeds were by me passed through the company's Treasury, as appear by the books of both the Treasurer and accountant. In virtue of the order of the board, and in conformity with my own sense of propriety, I did proceed to prepare and had nearly completed a book wherein to register [numerically all the bonds, and to record their disposition—so that at any moment the state of those assets could have been ascertained.—But in the progress of this duty, I was arrested by the President, on the ground that there was no occasion for it—and indeed it would have then been entirely useless, as not one of the bonds ever passed into my hands, but as I was informed and am entirely cognizant, the President took upon himself to manage and distribute these bonds, according to discretion in which he alone shared and an account of which disposition I had great difficulty in extracting from him, although I often urged the necessity of my being furnished with the means of passing them through the books