

It then became the duty of this gentleman to weigh whether it were a cheaper loss to the company that they should, by the return of the bills, be compelled to take them up here with the damages varying from  $12\frac{1}{2}$  to 20 per cent., or that he should sell the stocks at a sacrifice and pay them in London. One or the other of these courses he must have taken--it was out of his power to escape from the dilemma into which he was forced by the disregard of his pointed instructions. He deemed it to be most for the honor and well being of the company to adopt the latter. The stocks were sold to provide for them and the bills have been paid.

I consider his course to have been one of extreme difficulty, but he pursued it with prudence, integrity and a faithful devotion to the interests of the company.

2d. In Mr. Peabody's letters of July 1829, he calls upon the company to remit him funds to meet the first bills drawn upon him by Mr. Thomas. Were remittances accordingly made? if so--when, how much, and how were the funds obtained for such remittance? State accurately the time of these transactions.

*Answer.* Of the bills mentioned in my answer to the preceding interrogatory, a part viz: £14,000 sterling was taken by the Bank of Washington, in discharge, in part, of the debt due by the company to it. The residue, £19,000 sterling, endorsed by that bank, was sent to Messrs. Christmas, Livingston & Prince, of New York, in August 1839, with instructions to them to sell and invest the proceeds in the purchase of £18,000 sterling bills to be remitted for the company to Mr. Peabody to provide for the acceptances by him falling due early in September.

The proceeds of the £19,000 bills sold were 90,133 32.

The cost of the remittances, thus charged:

31, Aug. 1839,	£7771 7 8 sterling	\$37,638 71
7, Sept. "	1350 0 0 "	6,578 62
10, " "	9000 0 0 "	43,825 54

Total remittances, £18,121 7 8 st'g Total cost, \$88,042 87

This operation worked a specific loss to the company of \$2,100 and upwards.

3d. By what means were the acceptances of Messrs. Christmas, Livingston & Co. and of Elisha Riggs paid?

*Answer.* The total amount of loan agreed for with Christmas & Co. was \$200,000, and was made by their acceptance of the company's drafts, divided into three instalments, viz:

One-third --not less than 90 days date from 1st July, 1839.

do " " 1st Aug. "

do " " 1st Sept. "

Of these acceptances, \$67,000 were given up to them as agreed