

**ANSWERS OF MR. BARNARD.—[3d SERIES.]**

*Additional Questions, propounded by Mr. Le Grand.*

1st. In your answer to interrogatories propounded by the committee, you have said that the bills of exchange drawn upon George Peabody, and sold to the N. American Trust and Banking Company, were so drawn "in opposition to the express advice of that gentleman."—Will you name the letter in which that express advice is given?

*Answer.* The letter of Mr. Peabody to Mr. Thomas of 5th July 1839, which was received by the Great Western, which arrived in N. York on the 22d same month, gives that advice, and he begs the President for the present to decline drawing for more.—notwithstanding which, he drew subsequently to the receipt of that letter no less than £96,168 17, in which is included the £15,000 drawn and sold 10th September, to the N. A. Trust and Banking Company.

2d. Describe the statement fully, brought by the President from N. York, shewing the transaction with the N. American Trust and Banking Company. Does it not shew that the company consented to release its claim for damages on the protested bills, if they were paid by a sale of 5 per cent. sterling bonds of Maryland at that time, and at the price then agreed upon? What would have been the amount of damages if the bills of exchange had been matured, and were then protested for non-payment? Was there every reason to believe at the time of the payment they would be paid by Mr. Peabody at maturity?

3d. Did not the statement contain facts sufficient to enable you to pass the necessary requisitions through the books of the canal company accurately?

4th. When the President brought with him the bills of exchange and gave to the banking company a receipt for the balance of money due to the canal company did he not close the transaction as far as he could do so, being in New York where he had no requisitions with your signature?

5th. Have you not settled the account with the N. American Trust and Banking company, without the aid of any statement, but the one mentioned?

6th. Do you not know that the bonds held by the banking company as collateral for the payment of the bills, were advertised to be sold at auction in N. York, when the President left Washington city to go and arrest the sale? And this being the case, could the President have arrested the sale, if before