

the present dynasty, or that of other Presidents of the company, of the propriety of which I might doubt, I have on proper occasions, mentioned, and all these long before I knew that such a person as the gentleman referred to, existed.

26th. Did you come to Annapolis voluntarily to give testimony before the Committee on Internal Improvements?

27th. Do you know, or have you any reason to believe the Committee on Internal Improvements, or any member of the House of Delegates, learned that you could communicate valuable information as to the proceedings of the President and Directors of the Canal Company?

*Answer.*—I came to Annapolis in obedience to the precept of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, commanding my presence here at great inconvenience to myself, and at pecuniary sacrifice. Before I came here, I had not the honor to know, or to be known to any member of the House of Delegates, except M. C. Sprigg. I have had no communication either directly or indirectly, either by writing or verbally, with any of them—and neither know nor have reason to believe, that they learned that I was able to communicate any information, other than from the very rational supposition, that those officers of the company who had for so many years labored in its service, were most likely to supply information as to its affairs.

10th. You have said in your answers to interrogatories put by the committee, “I observed that I was not at all surprised at their not permitting their names to appear on it, for it was a disgraceful proceeding, of which any one concerned in it might well be ashamed.” This language you have said was used concerning the statement handed to you by the President, when you were speaking of a transaction in which he had been “concerned.” If you could permit yourself so far to forget the rules of politeness, by which the Treasurer of the Canal Company should be governed in his intercourse with the President, ought you or your friends to complain that the President and Directors thought proper to appoint a courteous gentleman in your place, when the canal office was removed from Washington City to Frederick?

*Answer.* I trust I never have forgotten, or shall forget the rules of politeness, or been guilty of rudeness, either in any official or individual capacity to any one who did not merit such treatment. But I also hope I may never fail in the moral