

MR. BARNARD'S ANSWERS.

Question by Mr. Le Grand to Mr. Barnard.

1st. Examine the file of letters and papers received from Mr. Peabody now in the hands of the Treasurer of the canal company, and say which one of them, if any, was not placed in your possession by the President when you acted as Treasurer.

Answer. I have examined the file of letters and papers referred to in this interrogatory, and say that every one of them was in my possession while I was Treasurer of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

2nd Interrogatory by the Committee. Was the letter of the 31st December, 1839, from Mr. Peabody, stating that he had sold £207,000, in your possession or had it come to your knowledge at the period of making out the "Tabular Statement of Bonds, &c." annexed to the report of the 10th February, 1840, of the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company?

Answer. No.

3rd. Upon what authority then did you predicate your statement, that only £200,000 were sold by Mr. Peabody to the Barings on the date 1st January, 1840.

Answer. Mr. Peabody's letter dated 6th December, 1839, being No. 32, of the "Correspondence between the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and George Peabody, Esq." &c. which contains the following passage—"That the parties (i. e. the Barings,) will take the privilege, before the 1st January, which I was reluctantly obliged to give, I do not doubt, as the advance they have agreed to make is nearly equal to the purchase, and the prospect of profit superior to a commission."

4th. At what time was the letter of 31st Dec. 1839, announcing the sale to the Barings of £207,000, received.

Answer. The post mark shows that this letter was mailed in New York, 20th March, 1840, and consequently could not have been received at the time the "Tabular Statement of Bonds, &c." which is appended to the Report of the President of the company of 10th February, 1840, was made out.

ROBERT BARNARD.

Annapolis, 6th Feb. 1841.