

DEPOSITIONS OF SAMUEL TYLER.

Depositions of Samuel Tyler, Treasurer of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to the Interrogatories propounded to him by the Internal Improvement Committee of the House of Delegates, &c.

Interrogatory 1st. Are the books now here, all the books of account under your charge belonging to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company?

To this Interrogatory, I answer, that the subpoena commanding me to appear before this committee, ordered me to "bring with me all the Books of account which are in my charge as Treasurer and Accountant, containing the entries since June 1st, 1839." All the books thus specified in the "duces tecum" I have brought with me. There are other books of account in my charge, belonging to the company, which I have not brought with me, because they were not called for.

Int. 2nd. What are the "important errors" which constrained you to abandon the books as guides?

To this Interrogatory I answer, that the errors are, first, it is represented in the tabular statement of the disposition which had been made of the 5 per cent, sterling bonds accompanying the communication from the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the Governor of Maryland last year, that £200,000 had been sold in London on the 1st of January, 1840. when it is shown by Mr. Peabody's account, which I now exhibit to the committee, that £207,000, were sold on that date; secondly, that in the same statement £92,995 are represented to have been conveyed to Trustees for the redemption of scrip, when only £90,625 have been conveyed for that purpose; thirdly, that in the same statement £50 more, are accounted for, than were authorised to be issued to the company, by the several acts of the Legislature; and fourthly, that in the statement of the debts and credits of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, accompanying the same communication of that company, the same representations, except the one relative to the amount sterling issued to the company, are repeated, though under a different form.

Int. 3rd. Mr. Tyler is requested to furnish the original papers which are stated by him to be in "a confused state," and "interspersed with the most contradictory memoranda."