

been put into my possession by Mr. Thomrs the President. I did make out the statement mentioned, so far as Mr. Peabody is concerned, from the papers placed in my possession by Mr. Barnard.

*Interrogatory by Mr. Causin, at Mr. Tyler's request.* Are the committee to understand your answers relative to the condition of the books, the state of the original papers or the errors in the statements made by Mr. Barnard to be intended as imputations either upon his official character or personal character.

To this interrogatory I answer, that they are not intended to impute to Mr. Bernard any thing derogatory to either his official or personal character. And I will here add that I have no recollection of having found any error in the books of my office. I make this statement in order that the committee may see that in my report I did not design to charge my predecessor with official incompetency, but merely to show what difficulties I had in making my official statements in the short time allowed by the meeting of the Legislature.

*Interrogatory by Mr. Lynch.*—In the statement of the 5 per cent. bonds issued and to be issued to the Canal Company, which is appended to the letter of the President of the 8th of January last, to the Governor of the State, you state the aggregate amount of such bonds to be £1,058,125 sterling, while a similar statement accompany the letter of the President, of the 10th of February, 1840, gives an aggregate amount of £1,058,175 sterling, and in your answer to interrogatories already propounded, you say that the last mentioned statement accounts for £50 more than the company ever received? Examine the data upon which these statements are made, and say which of them shows the correct aggregate amount of bonds, and furnish the committee with a statement, shewing by what means you arrive at the result?

To this interrogatory I answer, that since it has been propounded, I have referred to the laws by which the substitution of the 5 per cent. bonds for the 6 per cent. was authorised; and have made a calculation of how many 5 per cents ought to be issued in place of the 6 per cents, according to the proportion established of giving \$3,200 5 per cents for \$3,000 6 per cents, and found that the information furnished me by the Commissioner of Loans, upon which my statement was predicated, is erroneous, as will be seen by the statement of the Commissioner of Loans now shown to the committee. By this statement,