

INTERROGATORIES FOR THE HON. F. THOMAS.

1. On what day was the additional five thousand pounds of sterling bonds of the State of Maryland placed in the hands of the North American Trust and Banking Company, which were subsequently sold, together with the twenty thousand heretofore hypothecated with that company? Upon what terms and conditions were these five thousand additional bonds hypothecated, and was a receipt taken for them at the time. By whom, or by whose order were they sold—and what sum was realised by the sale or disposition of the whole twenty-five thousand pounds of State bonds?

2. At the time you effected your arrangement and completed your contract with the North American Trust and Banking Company for the bills of exchange drawn upon Geo. Peabody, had you received the letter of that gentleman, dated “London, 22d Aug. 1839.” State the day on which you received that letter.

3. When the receipt of the North American Trust and Banking Company for the bonds hypothecated with them was appended to the communication made by you, and afterwards submitted to the Legislature, why was it not accompanied with a copy of the contract made with them?

4. Has it been the custom of the President of the Canal Company heretofore to accompany his report, or otherwise to exhibit to the proper authority, the annual statement of the debts and credits of the company as furnished to the stockholders at their annual meeting in each year?

Has that statement been exhibited this year—and if not, why has it been omitted?

5. State the reasons which induced the company to prosecute the canal by the issue of paper currency, without provision for its redemption—and state particularly whether there were any considerations and what they were, influencing the Board, which had not been known to the Legislature at its preceding session, when the representatives of the people refused to make any appropriation for the further prosecution of the work?

Answers of Francis Thomas, to interrogatories propounded to him by the Internal Improvement Committee of the House of Delegates.

To the 1st, 2nd and 3rd interrogatories, he answers and says:

That, at the time the contract with the North American