

to convince any candid reader, that my remarks and inferences, therein expressed, were applicable, and intended only to apply to the individual therein named. That the committee may, for themselves, judge, how far my conclusions were authorised, and that justice may be done to all concerned, I submit, as a part of this my answer, the original letters of Mr. Fillebrown, hereto appended.

Independent of those letters, I had heard (by rumor only,) of declarations made by the late treasurer, respecting the office and officers, which I considered gratuitous on his part, and which, from his want of acquaintance with the officers, I could hardly think authorised, or well founded. So unwarranted did I think them, that I did not believe the rumor, until confirmed by one of the letters of Mr. F., in which he speaks of *predictions of the Treasurer*, meaning the late Treasurer. With such the conduct of two out of three of the late officers, I might have been warranted in extending my conclusions, perhaps, but such was not my intention, when writing my letter, and I do not think it can be so understood.

In relation to Mr. Ingle, I would state, that he was several times at the office in Washington. That his visits were *chiefly to the room* occupied by the treasurer. That I have no very distinct recollection of his tendering *information, &c.* but have no doubt that he did do so, as he so intimates. On one occasion I did ask some information in relation, I think, to some paper, which could not be found, and Mr. Ingle assisted in a search for it, whether the paper was found or not, I do not now recollect. I have no recollection of any other information having been sought for or received from him. I will add, that I have no reason to doubt his willingness to afford any assistance or information, had any been asked of him.

To the latter branch relating to scrip, &c. I will only repeat, that since the scrip, has been in my charge, I have deemed it proper and expedient to keep such book or account as spoken of by me. That I have so done, from the conviction, that I could, in that way only, discharge the duty with satisfaction and convenience to myself, whilst it enabled me, by having an *independent and condensed account of scrip transactions*, at all times to render any information respecting it, which the Board or any individual member, might require, with very little trouble. That any material benefit can result to the company by