

of the company, marked A, and the documents thereto annexed, marked 1, 2 and 3, contain, all the names of all such individuals, so far as they can be ascertained from the records of the company, as have been employed or authorised to be employed, or claiming to be employed by this company, and also the amount of compensation paid to, allowed or claimed by such persons for services rendered during the past sessions of the Legislature of the General Assembly of this State, together with the services stipulated to be rendered by such persons during the said sessions.

In regard to the claims preferred by Mr. Joseph I. Merrick, I have to observe, that a majority of the present board of directors, not being satisfied from the records of the company of their authority to recognise it, the claim was disallowed; and a suit afterwards instituted by Mr. Merrick to recover the amount, has been subsequently stricken from the record.

I have to add, that in a single instance only since the year 1837, upon an occasion when it was supposed that it might become necessary to present to the Legislature some explanation of the legal rights of the company, John Nelson, Esq. of this city, was requested to attend at Annapolis as counsel, and to act in that emergency, should it arise; and for his attendance on that occasion, he demanded and was paid the sum of \$200.

2nd. To the second question I have to state, that this company has not employed, and as far as I have any knowledge, does not intend to employ any individual or individuals to attend the present session of the General Assembly; but this answer is not to be understood as applying to the president or any director of the company, who may, if occasion should require it, attend at Annapolis without compensation, for the purpose of explaining the affairs of the company committed to their management.

3rd. The documents hereto annexed marked B, contains a full answer to this question.

4th. In reply to this part of the order I have to state, that previous to the 18th of May last, this company did not receive any money of other States for the transportation of passengers, produce, or minerals, which was at a depreciation, and not bankable in Baltimore, without being allowed the current discount. On the 18th of May, in order to accommodate the travellers and consignees of merchandize, as far as the interests of the company would possibly allow, the several agents were directed to receive at par, the notes of all banks paying specie in the cities of *Boston*, *New York* and *Philadelphia*, and of all the banks in *Maryland*, excepting the bank at *Salisbury*, and also to receive at par the notes of all other specie-paying banks, which should not be at a greater discount in Baltimore than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 per cent.

Anterior to, and since the 18th May, all money not taken at par under the order of that date, was received by the several receiving agents at the current rate of discount, by the same agent it was immediately exchanged for par paper, and his deposit and payment over to the company made daily in *bankable money*.