

peake and Ohio Canal Company, as legal counsel, the services rendered, and the compensation charged by, or allowed to such counsel.

Sixth—The names of the officers and agents in the employment of said companies, with the annual salary, and other compensation of said officers and agents; together with a particular statement of the amount of extra pay, or additional compensation, which has at any time been paid, or given, or contracted to be paid or given, to any officer or agent of either of the said companies, and the services for which such extra pay or additional compensation has been given or paid, or contracted so to be, and that the said officers report before the 15th. of February next.”

So far as this order relates to this company, I submit the following answers :

First—Presuming that this question does not apply to such attention as in the accustomed line of their duty may have been given by the president and directors to the affairs of the company before the Legislature, without special compensation, I have to state, that the accompanying official statement from the secretary 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 claim 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.

Second—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.