

on printing to inquire whether the 500 copies of a report on the Eastern Shore Rail Road, authorised to be printed at the last session of the Legislature, were distributed agreeably to resolution, and whether the same had been paid for? and requesting me to answer,

1st. To whom, if to any one, were the copies sent?

2d. At what time were the copies distributed?

3d. Were you paid for the printing?

I have the honor to reply to the first, that the copies of the report above alluded to, were printed at my office, and distributed with the Journal of the Senate and other documents printed by me to the members of the General Assembly of 1839, five copies thereof being distributed to each member.

To the second, that those copies were sent from my office on or about the first day of July last.

To the third, that my bill for printing those copies has been paid.

You do not by your letter require your interrogatories to be answered upon oath. For the better information of the committee, however, I have thought it expedient to procure the affidavits of several of the workmen employed by me in printing, packing and distributing the documents of the last session, which were printed at my office. To these papers, which are enclosed, I respectfully request the consideration of the committee.

For the polite and prompt manner in which you were pleased to convey the order of the house to me, I beg you to accept my thanks, with assurances of high regard,

WILLIAM McNEIR.

N. B. I take occasion also to state, that as the order directing these documents to be printed did not specify the mode of delivery to the members, and as I did not know their post offices, I pursued the course adopted in such cases before, and packed and sent them with the Journal of the Senate.

Annapolis, Jan. 24, 1840.

To William McNeir, Esq.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the interrogatories placed in my hand this morning by you, and which were addressed to you by the chairman of the committee on printing, as follows:

“To whom, if to any one, were the copies sent?”

“At what time were the copies distributed?”

“Were you paid for the printing of them?”

I will state, that you contracted with me to pack the Journal of the Senate and report of the Eastern Shore Rail Road, which I done, sending to each member of the Legislature five copies of said report, and delivered them to the individual who distributed them to the clerks of the courts. And that I printed (being the