

nation against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, which the President of the Company denied ; a charge which, I think, at that time, I conclusively proved. I have the proofs in my possession now. I made the charge that merchandise had been carried from the State of Ohio to New York at a certain rate per barrel.

Mr. Dennis—At what time have you reference to now ?

Witness—I made my charge in my report to the Corn and Flour Exchange on 10th January, 1859.

Mr. Dennis—At what time do you allege the discrimination to be made ?

Witness—I do not know that I mentioned the date.

Mr. Dennis—What is the date of these bills ?

Witness—These bills of lading date as far back as 1856. This charge of discrimination has been going on ever since Mr. Harris ceased to be President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Mr. Tyson suggested, that as regarded the general interests of the State, it might be well to get the information Mr. Williams possessed.

Mr. Dennis—The inquiry relates to Mr. Garrett's presidency.

The Chairman—The general scope of the inquiry was, to consider whether the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was doing justice to the interests of the citizens of Maryland—those who originally built the road.

Mr. Dennis and Mr. Turner, were of opinion that the terms of the resolution limited them specifically to the term of Mr. Garrett's presidency.

Mr. Tyson—Perhaps the Committee would have the right to reconsider that matter, and go more fully into it.

Mr. Williams—I make charge against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It is not only Mr. Garrett's administration, but the whole railroad administration.

Mr. Dennis—Why connect John W. Garrett except in his official capacity ? There must be some limit to the inquiry, or where will it stop ?

The Chairman—I certainly intended to give this thing greater latitude, when I penned it. The very order of the House itself originally arose from the Report of Mr. Williams. The merchants were there, and actually voted that the Company had discriminated, and in consequence of that meeting, I penned this order.

Mr. Dennis—Mr. Garrett is called on to answer as the President of the Company. If you go back to a time before Mr. Garrett was President of the Company, how can you make him answer for that of which he probably knows nothing. You cannot expect him to answer charges at a period when his official capacity had not commenced.